

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate and apply knowledge of health and safety in an animal facility</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is intended for people working in an animal care context.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify risks and hazards in an animal facility; describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility; describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards, Codes and guidelines relevant to an animal facility; and work safely in an animal facility.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Animal Care and Handling > Animal Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
  - Equipment manufacturer's recommendations;
  - Workplace procedures;
  - New Zealand Standard NZS 4304:2002 *Management of Healthcare Waste*;
  - Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards;
  - Relevant National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare, available at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz), under Animal Welfare;
  - Relevant National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) guidelines at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) under Animal Welfare;
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Resource Management Act 1991; and any subsequent amendments.
  
- 2 Definitions
 

*Animal facility* refers to a facility such as an animal boarding facility, a veterinary clinic, pet shop, or animal welfare facility.

*Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures for animal care, handling, and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Identify risks and hazards in an animal facility.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify animals in a facility in terms of the risks they present to personnel in the facility.
- Range risk of injury to people, risk from common zoonoses.
- 1.2 Identify personal hazards while working in an animal facility, in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel and animals.
- Range clothing, hair, footwear, lifting, carrying, handling, occupational overuse syndrome (OOS), allergies to animals or products.
- 1.3 Identify hazards relevant to an animal facility in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel.
- Range hazards may include but not limited to – equipment, chemicals and fumes, noise, biological, radiation;  
gases may include but are not limited to – waste anaesthetic gases, oxygen in cylinders, compressed air;  
evidence is required for at least three hazards in the facility.

### Outcome 2

Describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe hazard control in an animal facility in terms of the procedures for their elimination, isolation, and minimisation.
- Range evidence is required for hazard control procedures for at least two hazards from each of – animal, personal, animal facility.
- 2.2 Document hazard controls.
- Range includes but is not limited to – accident or incidents register, hazard register, report form;  
evidence is required for two hazard control documents.

### Outcome 3

Describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards, Codes and guidelines relevant to an animal facility.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Describe Acts and standards in terms of their implications to health, safety, and welfare in an animal facility.
- 3.2 Describe Acts and standards relating to personal responsibilities in an animal facility.

**Outcome 4**

Work safely in an animal facility.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Use equipment safely in an animal facility.
- Range operating techniques, safety devices, preventative maintenance.
- 4.2 Manage personal safety.
- Range protective clothing, personal equipment, occupational overuse syndrome (OOS), lifting, personal contamination, observation of safety information, signage, first aid facilities.
- 4.3 Handle and store hazardous materials.
- Range may include but is not limited to – chemicals, gases, compressed air, cleaning fluids, disposable equipment, organic waste materials;  
evidence is required for at least four.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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