
Overview

This standard is about fire safety specialists or site safety specialists advising and supporting the Incident Commander or person with the delegated responsibility of the Incident Commander at an incident. Individuals will work at their personal level of responsibility and authority for providing advice and information, as well as progressing enforcement issues where relevant.

There are three elements

- 1 Obtain information to assist with the management of risks at incidents
- 2 Advise on the management of risks during incidents
- 3 Support the management of risks following incidents

Target Group

The standard is recommended for Practitioners, i.e. anyone who is employed or contracted to work with others in an organisation - managers, owners and/or occupiers - to ensure that, within the scope of their responsibility, suitable and sufficient fire safety arrangements are made and maintained.

It is also appropriate for Regulators, i.e. anyone who has the responsibility for ensuring the requirements of Fire Safety and associated regulation are being met through cooperation or enforcement.

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Support the management of risks at incidents

Performance criteria

Obtain information to assist with the management of risks at incidents

You must be able to:

- P1 seek information relevant to an incident from all available sources
- P2 establish identity of key persons, and obtain available current plans and the status of the incident
- P3 determine critical risks associated with incident type and status
- P4 prioritise risks and their potential effect on people, property and the environment
- P5 determine factors which may influence the level of risk associated with an incident
- P6 liaise with other agencies involved in an incident to establish legislative requirements, current roles and responsibilities
- P7 evaluate risks to personnel and the need for personal protective measures for self and others

Advise on the management of risks during incidents

You must be able to:

- P8 inform relevant people on known issues affecting access and egress
- P9 inform relevant people on identified risks and factors influencing their potential escalation
- P10 respond to requests for information and advice regarding safety of people, property and the environment
- P11 liaise with the responsible person(s) to maintain currency of information concerning risks associated with the incident

Support the management of risks following incidents

You must be able to:

- P12 advise personnel on management of post incident risks to establish safety and security of incident site
- P13 obtain specialist advice, where required, to assist with residual risks
- P14 confirm with incident command when matters influencing safety of incident site have been resolved
- P15 advise during environmental recovery following resolution of the incident
- P16 inform the responsible person(s) of any apparent breach of legal or statutory requirements
- P17 advise on action required to meet legal and statutory requirements and the implications of non-compliance
- P18 advise on and assist with any post-incident investigation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the methods and techniques for gathering and interpreting relevant data and associated information
- K2 the principles and methodology for risk assessment and their application
- K3 own personal capabilities, limitation, level of authority and responsibility in the evaluation of risk assessments and when to seek advice from others
- K4 the sources of relevant information and how to access them, including consultation procedures relating to safety at multi-agency incidents
- K5 the methods for the protection of life in the event of an incident, including facilities required to assist fire-fighters
- K6 the methods for prevention of an incident and their application in a range of contexts
- K7 how to assess the potential for incidents that will affect organisational function and processes for the occupancy
- K8 the importance of considering business recovery in the event of an incident which interrupts normal activity
- K9 the relevant legislative framework and the mechanisms of enforcement in new, altered and existing buildings

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