

Manage the despatch of explosive substances and/or articles

Overview

This standard covers the competences you need to manage the despatch of explosive substances and/or articles in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

You will be required to demonstrate that you can ensure that systems are in place that result in the prompt notification of any discrepancies and delivery problems, ensuring that the despatch is completed within agreed timescales in accordance with approved procedures.

This activity is likely to be undertaken by someone whose work role involves Weapons, Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives work activities. This includes those working as storage managers.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 Work safely at all times, complying with health and safety, environmental and other relevant regulations, legislation and guidelines
 - P2 ensure that the despatch function complies with the organizational management systems for explosives safety and security
 - P3 confirm that the destination organization can receive the explosive substances and/or articles being despatched
 - P4 allocate appropriate resources to tasks
 - P5 ensure that systems are in place that result in the prompt notification of any discrepancies and delivery problems
 - P6 ensure that the despatch is completed within agreed timescales
 - P7 carry out regular reviews of the storage plan to ensure continuing optimized use of the storage facility
 - P8 respond to developing events and priorities in accordance with procedures
 - P9 develop and communicate an appropriate storage contingency plan
 - P10 maintain accurate records in accordance with organizational procedures

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Knowledge and understanding

- You need to know and understand:*
- K1 the health, safety and environmental and other statutory legislation, regulations and safe working practices and procedures governing explosives and their implications for your area of work
 - K2 the relevance of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - K3 the nature, characteristics, risks and hazards of the explosive substance and/or article
 - K4 the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event
 - K5 the organization's safety management system for explosives
 - K6 your organization's security management system
 - K7 the rules governing mixing hazard divisions, compatibility groups and explosive licence limitations
 - K8 your organization's procedures for despatching explosive substances and/or articles
 - K9 the schedule of despatches
 - K10 the resources available and the tasks required
 - K11 with which organizations you need to liaise and why
 - K12 the roles and responsibilities of staff
 - K13 reporting lines and procedures the types and quantity of stock
 - K14 the importance of and how to draw up a contingency plan
 - K15 resource planning methods and techniques
 - K16 how to implement and direct corrective actions resulting from reported discrepancies
 - K17 the role of your unit and where it fits into the wider organization
 - K18 documentation systems
 - K19 the limitations of the environment, facilities and available resources

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Scope/range

1. Despatches: single; mixed
2. Storage considerations: capacity (duration and volume); compatibility; environmental; explosive limit criteria; security
3. Resources: full; limited

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