



PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF A WORKPLACE EMERGENCY INITIAL RESPONSE TEAM

This Public Safety Unit (PUAWER009A) is designed to deliver information to designated staff working in any industry or workplace. It holds accreditation as an elective unit for people studying for a Certificate IV in Public Safety (Community Safety) (PUA 41104) or for a Diploma in Public Safety (Community Safety) (PUA 51004). Under Emergency Response Category it is categorized as an “initial response” skill.

Learning Outcomes (Key Elements):

- Prepare for emergency situations.
- Respond to workplace emergencies.
- Communicate with and complement other personnel.
- Assist with recovery from workplace emergencies.

Upon satisfactory completion of this unit, the participant will be able to:

- Maintain emergency response equipment assigned for use by the initial response team in a safe, accessible and serviceable condition.
- Identify and access current workplace emergency procedures.
- Undertake risk assessments of initial response team activities in accordance with workplace procedures.
- Undertake initial response team training activities according to work place procedures and relevant legislation.
- Respond to emergencies according to workplace emergency procedures.
- Assess emergency situations for hazards and take appropriate precautions to protect against them.
- Ensure Identified hazards are reported to people in danger and the initial response team leader.
- Confirm and implement instructions issued by the response team leader in a safe and prompt manner.
- Select appropriate equipment and operate according to workplace emergency procedures.
- Contain situations to prevent an escalation of the emergency and to enable emergency services and special response team activity to be completed safely.
- Maintain effective communication with initial response team members and leader.
- Ensure activities are consistent with the initial response team leader’s plan of action.
- Support the actions of other initial response teams.
- Report any injury, accident or near misses involving team members to the team leader.
- Ensure preservation of evidence relating to the cause, origin and progress of the emergency and record as far as possible.
- Provide appropriate assistance in workplace recovery.
- Ensure emergency equipment is returned to a state of readiness as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- Attend and participate in debriefings.



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Legislative Approvals: *This unit conforms to the requirements for competency under various State Occupational Health and Safety Legislation.*