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Course Title: Perform Basic Fire Fighting

SAQA ID: 12484

NQF Level: 2

Credits: 4

Course Description:

This course provides learners with the essential knowledge and skills required to perform basic firefighting in the workplace. It focuses on understanding the types of fires, identifying fire hazards, and the correct use of firefighting equipment. Learners will be trained in the safe and effective extinguishing of small fires, as well as the necessary safety precautions to protect themselves and others during a fire emergency.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Understand fire behaviour and the fire triangle.
- Identify different types of fires and the appropriate methods to extinguish them.
- Use firefighting equipment such as fire extinguishers, hoses, and fire blankets.
- Apply fire prevention strategies in the workplace.
- Respond quickly and effectively to small fires.
- Understand evacuation procedures and their role during a fire emergency.

Benefits of Completing this Course:

- Acquire essential firefighting skills to enhance workplace safety.
- Learn how to prevent and respond to fires in the workplace.
- Be equipped to use firefighting equipment safely and effectively.
- Increase awareness of fire hazards and preventive measures.
- Obtain a recognized qualification that adds value to your role in workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

Who Should Attend:

- Employees who are responsible for workplace safety.
- Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Representatives.
- Supervisors and team leaders in high-risk environments.
- Workers in industries where fire hazards are present, such as manufacturing, warehousing, and construction.
- Anyone who wants to improve their firefighting knowledge and skills.



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Assessment:

Assessment will be based on the learner's ability to demonstrate understanding and practical application of basic firefighting techniques. This may include:

- Written assessments on fire behaviour, fire types, and the use of firefighting equipment.
 - Practical demonstrations of the use of fire extinguishers and other firefighting tools.
 - Simulated scenarios to assess the learner's response to fire emergencies.
 - Group discussions on fire prevention and workplace safety.
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Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:

By successfully completing this SAQA Unit Standard, learners will demonstrate competency in the following:

1. Identify Different Types of Fires and Fire Hazards:

- Understand the classifications of fires (Class A, B, C, D, and F) and identify common fire hazards.
- Assessment Criteria: Written assessment and practical exercises identifying types of fires and potential hazards in the workplace.

2. Use Fire Fighting Equipment Safely:

- Demonstrate the correct use of various firefighting equipment, including fire extinguishers, fire hoses, and fire blankets.
- Assessment Criteria: Practical demonstration of using fire extinguishers and other equipment in controlled fire scenarios.

3. Apply Fire Fighting Techniques to Extinguish Small Fires:

- Apply basic firefighting techniques to control and extinguish small fires safely.
- Understand the importance of keeping calm and following safety procedures during a fire emergency.
- Assessment Criteria: Practical demonstration of firefighting techniques in simulated fire emergencies.

4. Implement Fire Prevention Measures in the Workplace:

- Identify and implement fire prevention strategies to minimize the risk of fires in the workplace.
- Ensure fire safety protocols are in place, including proper storage of flammable materials and clear evacuation routes.
- Assessment Criteria: Written and practical assessment on fire prevention methods and workplace safety checks.



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5. Respond to Fire Emergencies and Assist with Evacuation:

- React quickly and appropriately to fire emergencies and assist in workplace evacuations.
- Understand the importance of evacuation drills and fire alarms.
- Assessment Criteria: Practical participation in fire emergency drills and demonstration of effective evacuation procedures.

Completing this course will equip learners with the basic skills necessary to respond to fire-related incidents in the workplace, enhancing both personal and organizational safety.