

Title:	Health and safety in a construction environment
Level:	1
Credit value:	3
GLH	21
Unique Reference Number:	D/616/3686
Aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the skills and knowledge required in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment
Assessment	Assessment of this unit will be through the completion of a mandatory knowledge test.
Learning outcomes	
<i>The learner will:</i>	
1. Know the principles of risk assessment for maintaining and improving health and safety at work.	
Delivery content:	
<p>The aim of this learning outcome is to provide learners with the knowledge of the principles of risk assessment for maintaining and improving health and safety at work.</p> <p>The learner must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State the purpose of risk assessments and method statements. • State the legal requirements of risk assessments and method statements. • State common causes of work-related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fatalities ○ injuries. • State the implications of not preventing accidents and ill health at work. • State the meaning of the following in relation to health and safety at work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ accident ○ near miss ○ hazard ○ risk ○ competence. • List typical hazards and potential risks associated with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ resources ○ equipment ○ obstructions 	

- storage
- services
- wastes
- work activities.
- State the importance of reporting accidents and near misses.
- State typical accident reporting procedures.
- State who is responsible for making accident reports.
- State the purpose of dynamic risk assessments.

2. Know the importance of safe manual handling in the workplace.

Delivery content:

The aim of this learning outcome is to provide learners with the knowledge of the importance of safe manual handling in the workplace.

The learner must:

- State the reasons for ensuring safe manual handling in the workplace.
- State the potential injuries and ill health that may occur from incorrect manual handling.
- State the employee's responsibilities under current legislation and official guidance for:
 - moving and storing materials
 - manual handling
 - mechanical lifting.
- State the procedures for safe lifting in accordance with official guidance.
- State the importance of using site safety equipment when handling materials and equipment.
- List aids available to assist manual handling in the workplace.
- State how to apply safe work practices, follow procedures and report problems when carrying out safe manual handling in the workplace.

3. Know the importance of working safely at height in the workplace.

Delivery content:

The aim of this learning outcome is to provide learners with the knowledge of the importance of working safely at height in the workplace.

The learner must:

- Define the term 'working at height'.
- State the employee's responsibilities under current legislation and official guidance whilst working at height.
- List hazards and potential risks associated with the following:
 - dropping tools and debris
 - stability of ladders
 - overhead cables
 - fragile roofs
 - scaffolds
 - internal voids
 - equipment
 - the working area
 - other people.
- State how hazards and potential risks associated with working at height can be controlled.
- State the regulation that controls the use of suitable equipment for working at height.

4. Know risks to health within a construction environment.

Delivery content:

The aim of this learning outcome is to provide learners with the knowledge of risks to health within a construction environment.

The learner must:

- List the main groups of substances hazardous to health under current regulations.
- List common risks to health within a construction environment.
- State the types of hazards and potential risks that may occur in the workplace linked with the use of drugs and alcohol.
- State the importance of the correct storage of combustibles and chemicals on site.
- State the importance of personal hygiene within a construction environment.
- State the potential risks to the health of workers exposed to asbestos.
- State the types of asbestos waste.
- State the types of personal protective equipment (PPE) that may be used when dealing with hazardous materials.

5. Know the importance of working around plant and equipment safely.

Delivery content:

The aim of this learning outcome is to provide learners with the knowledge of the importance of working around plant and equipment safely.

The learner must:

- List ways in which moving plant, machinery or equipment can cause injuries.
- State the hazards/risks relating to the use of plant and equipment.
- State the importance of safeguards located near where plant, machinery and equipment are being used.
- State the importance of keeping a safe distance away from plant, machinery or equipment until clear contact is made with the operator.
- Outline how method statements can assist in ensuring the safety of workers where moving plant, machinery or equipment is in use.
- State the ways to eliminate or control risks relating to working around plant, machinery or equipment.
- Identify hazard warning signs and symbols used when operating, working with, around or in close proximity to plant, machinery or equipment.