

Domain	CLOTHING PRODUCTION	Unit ID: 130
Title:	Follow workplace safety procedures in a clothing production environment	
Level: 1		Credits: 2

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to follow workplace safety procedures in a clothing production workplace. It includes adhering to safety procedures and contributing to the development of workplace safety requirements. This unit standard is intended for those who work in the clothing production industry.

Special Notes

1. To demonstrate competence, at a minimum, evidence is required of identifying hazards in a clothing production environment, implementing workplace procedures to deal with hazards and contributing to workplace health and safety.
2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated real workplace, or an appropriate simulated realistic environment in which clothing production operations are carried out.
3. Safe working practices are to include day to day observation of safety policies and procedures, risk assessment, emergency procedures and use of basic fire fighting equipment.
4. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment must comply with manufacturers' guidelines and instructions.
5. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with all relevant workplace requirements and /or manufacturer's specifications.
6. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
 - Labour Act No 6, 1992
 - Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No.18, 1997
and all subsequent amendments.

Quality Assurance Requirements

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority on www.nta.com.na

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1: Follow workplace safety procedures in a clothing production environment

Range

Hazards may include falls, poor lightning, repetitive strain, injuries, lifting of heavy equipment.

Emergencies may include chemical spills, bomb threats, fire, floods, storms, slippery falls, power failure and faulty equipment.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Workplace procedures and work instructions for own work area of responsibility is followed.
- 1.2 Hazards in the work area are recognized.
- 1.3 Workplace procedures for dealing with incidents, accidents, fire and other emergencies are followed under direct supervision, whenever necessary within the scope of responsibilities and competencies.

Element 2: Contribute to occupational health and safety in the workplace

Range

Appropriate people may include supervisors, managers, team leaders, designated health and safety officers, designated occupational health and safety officers, health and safety representatives.

Contributions may include behaviour that contributes to a safe working environment, identifying and reporting risks or hazards, using business equipment according to guidelines, listening to the ideas and opinions of others in the team, sharing opinions, views, knowledge and skills.

Participative arrangements may include formal and informal health and safety meetings, meetings called by health and safety representatives, suggestions, requests, reports and concerns put forward to management.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Occupational health and safety issues are raised with appropriate people in accordance with workplace procedure and relevant occupational health and safety legislation.
- 2.2 Contributions to participative arrangements for occupational health and safety management in the workplace are made within organisation procedures and the scope of responsibilities and competencies.

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