

Public-protection standard statement 3 : Maintaining health and safety at work

Knowledge and Skills Framework core dimension	Performance criteria (adapted from the Skills for Health database¹)
Health, safety and security	<p>Promoting a safe working environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make sure that you know your organisation’s health, safety and security procedures and follow them while you work.2. Before you begin work always:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• check and use any risk assessments• examine the areas where you work and any equipment you use to make sure that they are safe, and meet your organisation’s health and safety policies and• remove, where possible, anything that might pose a health and safety risk.3. Take account of your patient’s needs and choices while protecting your own safety and the safety of patients, staff and others when working.4. Work within the limits of your own role and responsibilities in relation to health and safety.5. Get help to sort out health and safety problems where necessary.6. Report health and safety issues to the appropriate people and fill in health, safety and security records in line with the law and your organisation’s policies.

¹ www.skillsforhealth.org.uk

Reducing risk

7. Work with others to reduce potential risks in your workplace.
8. Make sure that your own health and hygiene does not pose a risk to others.
9. Make sure that the appropriate people know where you are at all times to make sure you are safe.
10. Check for health, safety and security risks while you are working and take appropriate action if an accident or injury or harm is likely .
11. Check that people who are in your workplace have a right to be there.
12. Use approved procedures when carrying out work that could be dangerous including:
 - using correct moving and handling techniques
 - using appropriate hygiene procedures
 - wearing the correct protective clothing for the situation, environment and activities
 - using and storing equipment and materials and
 - dealing with spillages and getting rid of waste.
13. Take immediate and appropriate action to deal with emergencies, including:
 - fire
 - security problems and

- accidents.

Use your skills and experience until appropriate help arrives.

14. Call for the appropriate help.

15 Continue to provide help until someone who is qualified to deal with the emergency is available.

16. Support patients and others including family carers who may be affected by the emergency.

17. Record and report on incidents and emergencies accurately and fully in line with your organisation's policies.