Manage your own contacts



Overview

Make and receive telephone calls; deal with visitors or visitor for a colleague and your own post in the context of your job role.

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Specific skills

- 1. communicating
- 2. interpersonal skills
- 3. planning
- 4. organising
- 5. presenting yourself
- 6. quality checking
- 7. recording yourself
- 8. problem solving
- 9. using technology

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Make and receive telephone calls

- P1 make and receive calls following agreed procedures
- P2 exchange information with callers and record important points
- P3 take accurate messages and pass them on to the correct person
- P4 transfer calls to the correct person
- P5 present a positive image of yourself and your organisation
- P6 safeguard confidential information

Deal with visitors

- P7 identify visitors and the reason for their visit
- P8 present a positive image of yourself and your organisation
- P9 follow security and other agreed procedures
- P10 pass on information about the visitor's arrival, where appropriate
- P11 help visitors feel welcome and make sure their needs are met

Deal with your own post

- P12 receive and sort your own incoming post in line with agreed procedures
- P13 pass on information that may be of use to colleagues
- P14 prepare your own outgoing post in line with agreed procedures
- P15 prepare items for urgent or special delivery, identifying the best options for despatch
- P16 arrange for courier service to collect outgoing post, where appropriate
- P17 add correct postage charge to outgoing post
- P18 record post and postage costs in line with agreed procedures

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your organisation's procedures for making and receiving telephone calls
- K2 the purpose and value of knowing your organisational structure
- K3 how to locate the correct people / departments that you need to speak to
- K4 the purpose and value of projecting a positive image of yourself and your organisation
- K5 how to speak on the telephone when making business calls including how to address different types of people
- K6 the purpose and value of identifying a caller and their needs
- K7 how to use telephone equipment to transfer calls
- K8 how to take and relay messages accurately
- K9 what is confidential information, why it should be safeguarded and how to do
- K10 the purpose and value of security and other agreed procedures and your responsibilities for following these
- K11 your role in receiving visitors
- K12 the types of visitors you receive, the requirements that they have and how to meet their needs
- K13 communication channels within your organisation
- K14 types of problems that may occur with
- K15 the purpose and value of receiving visitors in a professional way
- K16 the purpose and value of passing on information that may be of use to colleagues
- K17 the range of internal and external post services available and how to choose the most appropriate postal service
- K18 agreed, security and other procedures for handling post
- K19 the purpose and value of following security procedures when handling post

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