
Overview

This standard is about protecting records. You must protect records which are in use and minimise the risks to the safety of stored records and the storage area. You are expected to:

1. make sure that you handle records safely
2. protect records from accidental damage when in use and in storage
3. lift groups of records safely
4. identify hazards which could damage records
5. minimise risks to the safety of records
6. report serious risks to the appropriate person

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 handle records safely
- P2 protect records from accidental damage
- P3 protect records from incorrect handling
- P4 check that protective covers are adequate
- P5 lift groups of records according to good lifting practice
- P6 keep records tidy and in order
- P7 identify the safety procedures which are relevant to your work area
- P8 identify any working practices which could damage records
- P9 identify any aspects of the workplace which could damage records
- P10 take action to minimise risks to the safety of records
- P11 report any risks to the safety of records and the storage area to the responsible person

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 why it is important to lift heavy materials according to good lifting practice
- K2 why it is important to keep records tidy
- K3 how to handle records safely
- K4 how to protect records from accidental damage
- K5 what accidental damage records are vulnerable to
- K6 why it is important to identify the working practices and aspects of the workplace that could damage records
- K7 what action to taken when you identify a risk to records
- K8 how to identify safety procedures
- K9 to whom to report risks

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Additional Information

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