

## SFJ CFF04

### Provide a first response to water based incidents



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#### Overview

The standard is about the initial actions at any water based incident using land based rescue techniques and equipment. Water based response by boat or by entry into the water may be the responsibility of specialist teams and not the role of first responders.

#### Target group

Fire service personnel who have had appropriate training in first response water rescue techniques and equipment.

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#### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 contribute to the control of the incident area to reduce risk to self and others
- P2 check water specific personal protective equipment
- P3 don own water specific personal protective equipment in accordance with operational procedures
- P4 inform and reassure the casualties about the rescue process
- P5 contribute to the deployment of rescue equipment for a water environment incident
- P6 use rescue equipment and approved techniques to reach a target in a water environment
- P7 identify when the incident is beyond first response and communicate this to the incident commander
- P8 remove casualties to a place of safety
- P9 complete all necessary records in relation to the use and testing of water rescue and personal protective equipment

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 your organisation's procedures in dealing with water related incidents
- K2 your role and responsibilities in dealing with water related incidents
- K3 basic terminology used to describe the water environment
- K4 risks and hazards associated with the water environment
- K5 short and long term effects of exposure to a water environment
- K6 techniques and equipment used to effect a first response water rescue
- K7 the purpose, use and limitations of:
  - K7.1 water specific personal protective equipment
  - K7.2 first response rescue equipment
- K8 safety measures to take when working near water
- K9 basic casualty care for those who have been involved in water related incidents

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### Additional Information

#### Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding

- 1 water environment risks and hazards:
  - 1.1 water temperature
  - 1.2 current /flow
  - 1.3 pollution/contamination/debris
  - 1.4 public, bystanders and moral pressure
  - 1.5 nature of the bank
  - 1.6 casualty (human and animal)
  - 1.7 changeable water condition

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