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Dynamically monitor, assess and manage challenge and risk during an expedition



Overview

Those involved in leading expeditions must be able to manage threats and risks during an expedition whilst maintaining an agreed level of challenge for expedition members. Threats and risks will include:

1. security threats in-country and en route
2. political threats in-country and en route
3. natural hazards in-country and en route
4. health, safety, environmental and cultural risks – to those on the expedition, caused by the expedition to others, caused by those on the expedition to others
5. activities
6. emergency plans

The unit is recommended for Expedition Managers and Leaders.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 ensure that agreed control measures for managing challenge and risk are implemented during the expedition
- P2 ensure that expedition members receive information and training on how to manage risk for themselves
- P3 identify hazards when they occur and assess the risks they present
- P4 manage risk to keep expedition activities as safe as necessary whilst taking account of the benefits of risk taking in achieving agreed aims and objectives
- P5 encourage expedition members to safeguard their own safety and the safety of other expedition members
- P6 recognise the physical and emotional limits of individuals and enable them to maintain their dignity and self-respect

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General knowledge and understanding

- K1 describe the main legal and regulatory requirements covering health and safety as relevant to expeditions
- K2 explain the importance of challenge and risk taking in the context of expeditions
- K3 explain the importance of effectively managing risk and challenge so that the aims and objectives of the expedition can be achieved
- K4 explain why risk and challenge may be important to achieving an expedition's aims
- K5 identify the generic types of risks and threats that occur during expeditions
- K6 identify the generic types of control measures that can be used to control these
- K7 describe the principles and processes involved in dynamic risk assessment
- K8 explain the importance of expedition members being able to manage risk and challenge for themselves, as far as possible and safe
- K9 describe how to brief and train expedition members in managing risk
- K10 explain why it is important to acknowledge the physical and emotional limitations of expedition members

You need to know and understand:

Industry/sector specific knowledge and understanding

- K11 identify and describe any specific risks that apply to expeditions in your sector
- K12 describe the levels risk and challenge in expeditions in your sector
- K13 describe the main types of methods that are used to manage these risks

You need to know and understand:

Context specific knowledge and understanding

- K14 identify the relevant colleagues and other stakeholders you would consult with on issues to do with challenge and risk
- K15 describe your own responsibilities for risk and challenge and the responsibilities of others with whom you work

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Additional Information

Skills

Listed below are the main generic 'skills' which need to be applied in this unit. These skills are explicit/implicit in the detailed content of the unit and are listed here as additional information.

1. Monitoring
2. Risk assessment
3. Developing others
4. Communication
5. Motivating

Behaviours

1. You address multiple demands without losing focus or energy
2. You are vigilant for possible hazards
3. You work to turn unexpected events into opportunities rather than threats
4. You keep people informed of plans and developments
5. You encourage and support others to make best use of their abilities
6. You clearly agree what is expected of others and hold them to account
7. You apply new learning effectively to changing situations
8. You balance risks against the benefits that may arise from taking risks
9. You comply with, and ensure others comply with, legal requirements, industry regulations, organisational policies and professional codes

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