

BASIC FIRE AWARENESS (1 Day)

South African Qualifications Authority Number: 13961

Demonstrate Knowledge and Use of Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment

INTRODUCTION

At Choice Safety Consulting, we are committed to empowering individuals and organisations with the essential knowledge and practical skills required to respond safely to incipient-stage workplace fires using hand operated fire fighting equipment.

This training provides learners with an understanding of fire behaviour, extinguishing methods, selection of suitable equipment and the safe operation of portable extinguishers, fixed hose reels, fire blankets and other basic fire fighting resources.

The course promotes legal compliance, emergency preparedness and confident first-response actions before a fire escalates beyond the safe capability of trained workplace responders.

COURSE DURATION, ACCREDITATION & QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Unit Standard Title	Demonstrate Knowledge and Use of Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment		
NQF Level	2	Credits	4
Duration	1 Day (Facilitator-LED)		
Assessment Method	Knowledge-based assessment		
Certification	Issued by Choice Safety Consulting upon successful completion		

PURPOSE AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

The purpose of this course is to equip learners with the competence to demonstrate knowledge of fire, extinguishing principles and the correct use of hand operated fire fighting equipment.

Learners will gain practical and theoretical understanding of combustion, extinguishing agents, equipment limitations, personal safety, emergency response sequence, basic inspections and safe post-use reporting requirements.

Upon completion, learners will be able to identify fire types, select appropriate extinguishing equipment, demonstrate the safe use of portable extinguishers and apply basic workplace fire response procedures within their level of training and authority.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is suitable for:

- ★ Employees and contractors appointed as workplace fire team members or basic fire responders.
- ★ Evacuation marshals, SHE representatives, supervisors and team leaders responsible for basic emergency response.
- ★ Maintenance, production, warehousing and workshop personnel exposed to ordinary workplace fire risks.
- ★ Staff required to understand and use portable extinguishers, fire blankets, fixed hose reels or sand buckets in a controlled emergency situation.

KEY TOPICS COVERED

Understanding Fire and Extinguishing Principles

- ★ Identify the components required to sustain combustion and relate them to workplace fires.
- ★ Explain basic extinguishing methods including cooling, smothering, starvation and interruption of the chemical chain reaction.
- ★ Identify extinguishing agents and relate them to fire types such as flammable liquids, gases, greases and energised electrical equipment.

Selecting Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment

- ★ Identify portable extinguishers including CO₂, foam, dry powder, water and applicable gas-type extinguishers.
- ★ Recognise fixed hose reels, wheeled mobile fire units, fire blankets and sand buckets.
- ★ Select the correct equipment according to fire class, risk exposure, equipment rating, signage and workplace emergency procedures.

Safe Practical Use of Fire Extinguishers

- ★ Explain and demonstrate safe approach, alarm raising, escape-route positioning and practical operation of different extinguisher types.
- ★ Apply the correct discharge technique and understand equipment limitations, re-ignition risk and when not to fight a fire.

Using Fixed Hose Reels and Ancillary Equipment

- ★ Explain the types of fires that may be controlled using hose reels, fire blankets and sand buckets.
- ★ Demonstrate systematic checks on hose reels, nozzles, valves, fire blankets and sand buckets.
- ★ Practically demonstrate applying water or sand at the base of a suitable fire where safe and authorised.

Personal Safety and Reporting

- ★ Apply personal safety requirements, emergency communication, isolation of immediate hazards and safe withdrawal procedures.
- ★ Complete basic reporting on the status of fire fighting equipment, defects, use, recharge requirements and incidents.

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Expert Facilitators

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Customised Learning Solutions

We tailor our training to meet your organisation's unique operational risks and compliance needs, ensuring immediate workplace application.

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