



WILDLIFE HAZARD AND RISK AWARENESS

The aim of this program is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge required to contribute to controlling OHS hazards, with specific application to identifying and assessing animal hazards in the workplace.

DESCRIPTION

This program will enable participants to develop skills and knowledge around hazard identification and the assessment of the associated risks from local indigenous and introduced wildlife. Participants will learn which species of potentially harmful mammals, reptiles, birds and invertebrates are found in the catchment areas and the approach and strategies to minimise harm and injury to the fauna and fellow workers.

This course is taught using a combination of theory, real life situations, case studies and hands-on training techniques. Live venomous snakes are displayed in our DEPI approved snake pit, allowing attendees to get close and identify and observe characteristics, behaviour and risks associated with wildlife in a safe environment. Dangerous invertebrates such as spiders, scorpions and centipedes, birds such as raptors and young emus, and marsupials such as possums and kangaroos are also displayed under safe and humane conditions. Participants will be able to see first-hand how to react when confronted with these animals in trapped or distressed conditions.

DURATION

1 day (7 hours + breaks)

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

The program is aligned to meet the following units of competency:

- BSBOHS304B - Contribute to OHS hazard control

COURSE CONTENT

- Species identification & behaviour
- The risk they pose to individuals and the work environment
- Injuries, illness or envenomation they can cause
- First aid for Venomous animal bites and stings
- Legislation regarding introduced and native species
- Creating a safe work environment
- Action and Re-action (What to do & What NOT to do)
- Proactive and Emergency avoidance tactics and techniques
- Wildlife authorities and Wildlife removal SME's
- Use safety equipment and communications

PRE-REQUISITES

There are no formal pre-requisites for this program.

CERTIFICATION

A Statement of Attainment listing individual units of competency will be issued to participants upon successful completion. Participants will also receive a Risk Response + Rescue Certificate of Competency denoting the information covered, duration and location of training, date of issue and general remarks.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is conducted by Risk Response + Rescue using evidence of skills and knowledge obtained throughout the program.

COURSE SIZE

25

COURSE MATERIAL

Each participant will receive a learner resource kit.

