

Unit 4222-607 Identify and act upon immediate risk of danger to substance misusers (ASM4)

Level: 3
Credit value: 4
UAN: D/501/0585

Unit aim

This unit is about identifying the immediate risk of danger to individuals who have used drugs, alcohol or other substances, acting upon the immediate risk of danger and supporting the individual once the risk of danger has passed.

Learning outcomes

There are **two** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Be able to identify immediate risk of danger to substance misusers
2. Be able to act upon immediate risk of danger to substance misusers

Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **24** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national standards

This unit is linked to AB5 Identify and act upon immediate risk of danger to substance users. This also appears in Health and Social Care Standards as HSC342.

Support of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Skills for Health.

Assessment

Any skills based element within the unit must be assessed in the workplace or using workplace based evidence.

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Assessment Criteria

Outcome 1 Be able to identify immediate risk of danger to substance misusers

The learner can:

1. describe the range of different substances subject to misuse and their effects (e.g. illegal drugs, prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, alcohol, solvents)
2. describe any signs of immediate risk of danger which may include risk of
 - overdose
 - individuals causing injury or harm to themselves or others (e.g. family members)
3. explain the relevant policies and procedures for dealing with risk of danger to individuals and others.

Outcome 2 Be able to act upon immediate risk of danger to substance misusers

The learner can:

1. describe how to make the individual aware that they are available and willing to help
2. obtain information on the substance used from the individual or any person near the individual
3. obtain personal details from the individual or any person near the individual
4. encourage the individual to describe any pain or discomfort they may be experiencing
5. take actions which are appropriate to the substance used and the effect it has had on the individual e.g.
 - calming the individual, if the individual is in an agitated state, if safe to do so
 - reviving the individual, if the individual seems to be in a withdrawn state
6. show how to interact with the individual in a manner which recognises their needs and rights
7. demonstrate how to make the environment as safe as possible, including how and when to move individuals for their safety
8. demonstrate when and how to request any first aid treatment/support
9. support and encourage the individual to recognise the consequences of the episode and to seek further support and assistance (eg to access to relevant
10. agencies and services)
11. record all information and report to appropriate person in the required format.