

Generic USAR Operations

All equipment will be stowed in an appropriate position and in an appropriate container in accordance with the manual handling regulations.

All personnel must have received Dynamic Operational Risk Assessment Training (DRA).

All personnel using USAR equipment will have received information, instruction and training in the safe use of the equipment (ND / FSC training packages).

All personnel will wear correct PPE/RPE, when using the equipment, whether in operations or in training; appropriate to the task [PPE Regulations]. Appropriate PPE/RPE will include helmet, boots, gloves, overalls, eye, respiratory and hearing protection. For specialist tasks specific PPE/RPE will be provided.

Incident Command (ICS) training will have been provided for supervisory officers and the principles of ICS are applied at all incidents / training areas / places of work.

A safety briefing (ICS) will be given to all personnel prior to operations commencing.

Cordons will be used to denote traffic routes, and demarcation of hazardous areas.

Where natural lighting is insufficient the incident commander will ensure all training areas / incident ground sectors are suitably & sufficiently illuminated.

All accident, injuries and near misses are investigated and reported as required by the Health & Safety reporting requirements.

A review of risk assessments and operational guidance will be undertaken following accidents, injuries, near misses and operational and training de-brief information.

The incident commander will ensure, where possible, the isolation of utilities and services affecting the incident scene.

The incident commander will ensure that emergency evacuation procedures are in place at operational incidents and at realistic exercises.

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