

22024VIC COURSE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF ASTHMA IN THE WORKPLACE

DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for the management of emergency asthma situations rather than the day-to-day management of asthma.

Manage asthma emergencies

This unit of competency provides the skills and knowledge to be able to handle asthma emergency situations in the workplace. It provides background knowledge of the causes, symptoms and effects of asthma as well as emergency treatment.

This relates to the use of either the casualty's own asthma bronchodilator medication blue reliever device and spacer, or the organisation's asthma first aid equipment. The management of the situation would be carried out in accordance with relevant legislation and organisational policies/procedures.

COURSE COST / DURATION

Cost: \$60.00 per person
Course duration: 2-2.5 hours

Melbourne metropolitan area - minimum course cost based on 6 people
Victorian country locations - minimum course cost based on 12 people

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Individuals at risk are identified and their individual Asthma Action Plans obtained
- Risk management strategies are developed for individuals identified with asthma and for those who may present with asthma-like signs / symptoms
- A communication plan to raise awareness of asthma and its first aid management is established and implemented
- Assess emergency asthma situations.
- Casualty's physical condition is evaluated and the signs and symptoms of an asthma attack are recognised and responded to.
- Resources and equipment appropriate for the situation are identified, accessed and assessed.
- Appropriate emergency action for an asthma attack is provided in response to the severity of the casualty's symptoms, in accordance with their personal Asthma Action Plan and/or the Organisation's Workplace Asthma Emergency Asthma Plan.
- Casualty's condition is monitored, in accordance with first aid principles and procedures.
- Communicate details of emergency asthma incidents.

REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE THE QUALIFICATION INCLUDE:

Ability to:

- Develop risk management strategies for the emergency management of asthma
- Control the situation prior to the administration of first aid treatment for an asthma attack including the removal or minimisation of hazards
- Demonstrate first aid procedures for the management of emergency asthma situations
- Communicate effectively with the asthma casualty, when requesting emergency assistance and in meeting the organisation's incident reporting requirements
- Use initiative in responding to challenging situations and individuals
- Have input to asthma management plans for organisations/workplaces.
- Maintain accurate records