

DANOS AB5 Assess and act upon immediate risk of danger to substance users

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

Name of applicant:

I confirm that I am the line manager / supervisor for the above named.

I have assessed the applicant's competence in relation to each of the numbered items listed overleaf and have placed my initials against each numbered item to indicate my satisfaction that the applicant has demonstrated the competence to which it refers (see notes below).

My assessment of the applicant's competence in this unit is based on the following (see notes below):

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Notes

You should 'sign off' the applicant's competence in relation to each of the items listed below only where you have *clear evidence* that they have demonstrated the appropriate knowledge or skills in *real life* settings. Your assessment should be based on one or more of the following: observation of the applicant's practice, your supervision of the applicant, evidence provided by an appropriate third party (such as clients / colleagues / previous supervisor/line manager). Note - completion of a training course does NOT itself provide evidence of competence in a particular area.

In some cases the applicant will not have the opportunity within their existing position to demonstrate all of the required competences. Where this is the case arrangements will need to be made for their competence to be assessed in an alternative setting (such as on placement), or, where applicable, for it to be confirmed by a supervisor / line manager from a previous post.

Assess the immediate risk of danger to the individual

To perform to the standard you must ensure that:

1. you ascertain any signs of immediate risk of danger
2. you request further support and assistance, as required, without delay
3. you ascertain your own and any person near the individual's personal safety
4. you make the individual aware that you are available and willing to help
5. you obtain personal details from the individual or any person near the individual who has used the substance
6. you obtain information on the substance used from the individual or any person near the individual who has used the substance
7. you encourage the individual to describe any pain or discomfort they may be experiencing
8. you accurately record all information about the episode and report to appropriate person in the required format

Act upon the immediate risk of danger to the individual

To perform to the standard you must ensure that:

1. you act upon the immediate risks to danger consistent with agency policies and procedures and your own role
2. you request further support and assistance, if required, without delay
3. you ensure your own personal safety and of any other person near the individual
4. you take actions which are appropriate to the substance used and the effect it has had on the individual
5. you take steps to calm the individual, if the individual is in an agitated state, if safe to do so
6. you take immediate steps to revive the individual, if the individual seems to be in a withdrawn state
7. you administer first aid, if safe to do so
8. you interact with the individual in a manner which recognises their needs and rights
9. you make the individual as comfortable as possible and only move the individual if necessary for their safety
10. you make the environment as safe as possible and remove all dangerous substances and materials
11. you accurately record all information and report to the appropriate person in the required format

Support the individual after the immediate risk of danger has passed

To perform to the standard you must ensure that:

1. you make the individual aware that you are available and willing to help
2. you interact with the individual in a manner which recognises their needs and rights
3. you support the individual to enable them to meet their needs
4. you encourage the individual to recognise the consequences of the episode
5. you encourage the individual to seek further support and assistance
6. you accurately record all information and report to the appropriate person in the required format

Knowledge and Understanding

To perform competently in this unit, you need to know and understand:

Legislation and organisational policy and procedures

legal and organisational requirements and policies requirements relevant to the functions being carried out

legal requirements relevant to the functions being carried out

Local knowledge

1. the partner agencies in the local area

Organisational context

2. the organisation's policies and procedures in dealing with risk of danger to individuals
3. how to communicate effectively in a range of different settings
4. how to calm individuals who have used substances
5. how to calm other people in the immediate vicinity

First aid

1. when and how to move an individual to make them comfortable
2. when and how to administer first aid to individuals
3. when to call the emergency services

Information handling

1. the importance of gathering full and accurate information and how to do so

Reporting

1. how to report accurately
2. the importance of stating any gaps in information or assumptions made

Substance misuse

1. how to recognise and deal with immediate risk of danger to individuals who have used substances
2. the range of different substances and their effects
3. the appropriate actions / options available when the immediate risk of danger has passed

Values

1. the rights of individuals with whom you come into contact.