

## **Skills Maintenance Exercises Consulting**

A significant part of emergency planning involves testing the accuracy and adequacy of your emergency response procedures, to validate that they work. Its nice to have the theory on what we think will work in emergency response, its vital that we are confident that they will.

This is a strong and repeated theme in Australian Standards, Codes of Practice and WHS Regulations.

PRM provide skilled and experienced emergency responders to attend your workplace, facilitate a simulated emergency event, and provide constructive feedback in the form of structured reports.

It is commonplace for the skills maintenance exercise to be in the form of:

- 1. A whole or partial site evacuation
- 2. Armed offender lockdown exercise
- 3. Adverse medical emergency such as cardiac arrest exercise

Other exercises can be created based on the risk assessment of the facility such as hazardous materials leak, working at height or confined spaces rescue incident, or bushfire event.

PRM will ideally work with the Emergency Planning Committee or site representative to best understand the objectives of the exercise, and any compliance implications. PRM will then:

- 1. Develop an exercise scenario
- 2. Generate a participant briefing
- 3. Conduct a pre-exercise briefing in-person
- 4. Observe the exercise
- 5. Provide post exercise hot debrief
- 6. Compile a report based on observations and feedback

The lessons learnt from well structured skills maintenance exercises can be of immense value to an organisation. They assist us to prevent and prepare for emergencies, and lift the collective confidence of the workgroup.

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