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Preparedness for Oil-polluted

Shoreline cleanup and

Oiled Wildlife interventions

Health & Safety

- The importance of health & safety
- Keep yourself healthy and safe
- Overview of hazards in oiled wildlife response

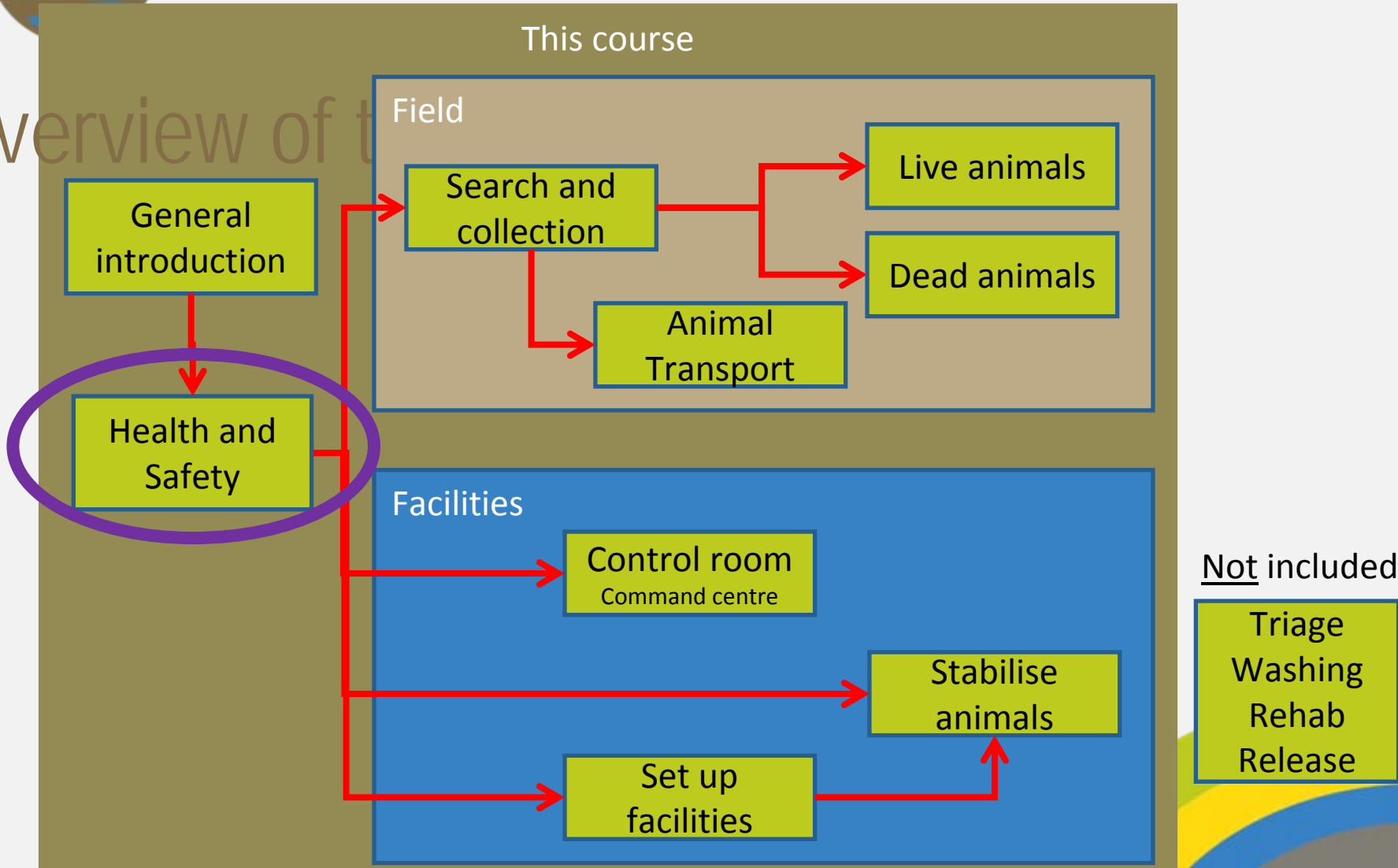


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Overview of the course



The importance of health & safety



- We all need to look after ourselves
- H&S is everyone's responsibility
- Managers will advise on the risks and give instructions



The importance of health & safety

Key rules:



- A risk assessment should be carried out before activities take place
- Follow instructions
- If activities cannot be carried out safely, they should be postponed, or not carried out at all

Keep yourself healthy & safe



This can be achieved via

- Good health status
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Good behaviour
- Hygiene
- Safe environment



Good health status



- Recommendations for participating in hands-on wildlife response:
 - Over 18s only
 - No medical conditions
 - including pregnancy
 - Good physical health
 - Able to deal with stress

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



- For working with oil
 - Basic PPE
 - Gloves, protective coveralls
 - Wear this whenever directed



- Additional PPE may include:
 - For working on the beach
 - Waterproofs
 - Wellingtons/boots
 - Life jacket
 - For working with animals
 - Special gloves
 - Goggles
 - Face masks

- Wear suitable clothing in layers



Behaviour

⚠ CAUTION



- Follow the instructions
 - Instructions are for your own benefit and for that of the operation
 - Do not eat/drink at work floor
 - Use recreation room
- Report all injuries
 - Related to an overlooked risk?
 - Any injury may compromise your health
 - infection
 - First aid will be available on site

Hygiene

Wash hands



- Washing your hands well is important
 - Using soap or antiseptic wash reduces disease spread and prevents serious infections
- Wash your hands when:
 - You change jobs
 - Before and after animal food preparation
 - Before and after eating, drinking or smoking
 - Before leaving the premises
- Whether you have worn gloves or not



The hazards in oiled wildlife response

The main hazards are related to:

- Oil
- Animals
- Equipment
- Working environment



Healthy & Safe Working Environment

You can contribute by

- Developing routines
 - Keep all areas clean and tidy
 - Keep animals out of clean human areas
 - Use decontamination rooms
 - Clean-up water from floors
- Reporting near-accidents
- Respecting signposting
- Understanding the hazards





Oil

- Toxic fumes
 - inhalation
- Toxic components
 - Some affect or go through the skin
- Ask authority advice in all cases
 - Is it too dangerous?
 - Then postpone or abort operations
 - Which PPE would protect?
- Be careful with “fresh” oil
 - The most toxic components may still evaporate from freshly spilled oil
 - “weathered” oil is less toxic
- Use the recommended PPE



Animals - physical



- Animals bite, scratch & peck,
 - Larger animals may even hit out causing bruises
- Using PPE and “common sense” will reduce potential injuries to the absolute minimum
- Good, sensible animal handling is key to reducing the potential risk even further

Animals - disease



- Animals carry diseases
 - Zoonotic diseases are those that are transmissible from humans to animals and vice versa
- Most diseases (inc. zoonoses) are controlled by:
 - Maintaining hygienic conditions throughout
 - Wearing appropriate PPE
 - Keeping animal and human operations separate
 - Good hand washing

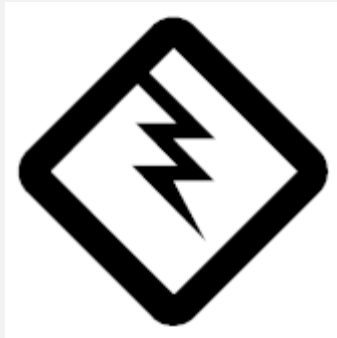
Equipment has potential risks



- Ensure all equipment is in good order
- Keep it well maintained
- When it is not in use - store it
- Ensure you know how to use it



Working environment



- In temporary facilities particular care must be taken when using electrical equipment
 - And special care where water is being used
- Heaters may also be in use – be aware of burns



Most important

- Use your common sense!



Thank you very much!

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