Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Communication (3768)



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Your name:
City & Guilds enrolment number: JwT 2628
Unique Learner Number (ULN):
Date of registration for 3768: 9-3-11
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Date portfolio completed: 21 - 3 · 11.
Assessor's name: A MCFALL Internal verifier's name:

1 How do I use this logbook?

This logbook will help you work towards Level 1 Essential Skills Wales in Communication. It contains:

- an **evidence record form** detailing the evidence you must provide to complete this qualification. You should use this to record and organise your evidence.
- a **Speaking and Listening assessment record**, to be completed by your assessor/tutor.
- a skills checklist containing all of the skills you need to have in order to show that you are competent. You can use this to help show how you have learnt and gained confidence in these skills.

The evidence and skills requirements for ESW are set out in full in the DCELLS document 'Essential Skills Wales'. This can be downloaded from **www.cityandguilds.com/esw**. Your assessor/tutor will also be able to explain to you in more detail what you need to do.

About ESW

The Essential Skills Wales (ESW) qualifications are designed to help you develop and demonstrate the skills needed to make the most of your learning, work and life.

This qualification will help you improve your **communication** skills. You will be required to demonstrate your skills in:

- speaking and listening
- reading
- writing

in familiar contexts, some of which must be formal, connected with education, training, work and social roles.

About City & Guilds

City & Guilds is your awarding organisation for Essential Skills Wales. City & Guilds is the UK's leading awarding body for vocational qualifications. You may also be working towards other City & Guilds qualifications at the same time as completing ESW and in some cases you may be able to use work completed for those qualifications towards your ESW portfolio.

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2.1 Evidence record

Your portfolio must include **all** of the following. Please use this sheet to record what your evidence is and where it can be found. The Declarations on page 8 **must** be completed.

Standard	Description of evidence presented	Location/ reference	Confirmed met and date (assessor use only)
C1.1.1 Understand and respond to spoken language in a range of contexts.		1-3	>1 context
C1.1.2 Speak to communicate: information feelings opinions questions instructions on familiar topics, using appropriate language, and in a range of contexts.	How green are you? Considerate Constructors Scheme	1-3	information feelings opinions questions instructions language appropriate
C1.1.3 Take part in formal discussions with two or more other people.	Schene	1-3	>1 discussion >=1 face-to-face
C1.2.1 Read, understand and obtain information independently from at least two different types of documents. At least one document must contain an image. One document must be at least 250 words long.	"Menace of the Sky hanterns" Ladder accidents	9-13	>1 type of doc >=1 doc 250+ words image in >=1 doc
C1.3.1 Write two short documents of different types to communicate information to a familiar audience in appropriate formats, using language that is appropriate to your purpose and audience. One document must be at least 250 words long.	Health + Safety Trampoling	22-24	>1 doc of different types >=1 doc 250+ words evidence of planning >=1 draft \(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac

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2.2 Assessment record – Speaking and Listening Discussion (1)

At least one other discussion must also take place.
Candidate's name:
City & Guilds Enrolment Number:
Date/time/location of discussion: Coleg Powys Brecon 7.2.11
Details of participants (candidate plus at least two other people not including the assessor): Sian, Kreven, Josh, Chris, Flwan. Summary of the discussion: Recycling - personal views and practise both at home and at work.

Confirm that the candidate:		Give examples
Prepared for a discussion in order to say things and provide information that is relevant to the subject and purpose of the discussion. C1.1.3 (a)	1	Read handout, highlighted points of interest. Wrote notes
Took part in a purposeful group discussion to reach a shared understanding. C1.1.3 (b)	a	Discussion concluded in understanding of Josephis and organ and systems carried out
Made clear and relevant contributions to discussions. C1.1.3 (c)		Eaue information about recycling on home recycline and what is done at work
Respected the turn-taking rights of others during discussions. C1.1.3 (d)	1	Respected others. Did have to adjust to wonbing his term but developed the
Used appropriate phrases or gestures in order to join in the discussion. C1.1.3 (e)		Gained eye contact with a group member. would life his roles
Used language and register appropriate to listeners. C1.1.2 (g)		Spoke clearly. Vocabulary

Confirm that the candidate:	Give examples
 Spoke to communicate: Information* Feelings* Opinions* Questions* Instructions*. C1.1.2 Note all of the above bullet points must be covered at least once in the conversations and discussions for this qualification. *Tick only as applicable 	All points conered. Information on recycling Systems forhoused, Feelings and opinions expressed "I think recycling can be easy to do Question - "Where do you take bending rubbish" Game some matindams Information be wormeny.

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The Declarations on page 8 must also be completed.

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2.3 Assessment record – Speaking and Listening Discussion (2)

One of more of these discussions mu	ust be conducted face-to-face.
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Candidate's name:
City & Guilds Enrolment Name .
Date/time/location of discussion: Colog Powy Brecon 4/14.3.11.
Details of participants (candidate plus at least two other people not including the assessor): Kieren, Josh, Chris, Cannor.
Summary of the discussion: Considerate Constructors Scheme.
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Confirm that the candidate:		Give examples
Identified detail and information from explanations, instructions or discussions. C1.1.1 (a)		Read through Scheme's Code of Prochee Mode notes
Paid close attention and responded constructively to what others said. C1.1.1 (b)	Ø	Followed discussion, answered questions?"
Judged when to speak and how much to say. C1.1.2 (a)		Timed his input offers appropriately. Let offers complete before starting
Clearly expressed statements of fact/questions/ explanations/instructions/accounts /descriptions of familiar topics. C1.1.2 (b)		"We are considerate when with our language when we working"
Used strategies to support what they were saying. C1.1.2 (c)	ð	"We don't susear if Someone else, lake the cleent, is around"
Presented information and ideas in a logical sequence. C1.1.2 (d)		Followed through with handar (notes as

Confirm that the candidate:		Give examples	
Responded to questions about a range of familiar topics. C1.1.2 (e)		Answered about location of work site	
Clearly conveyed feelings/opinions when appropriate (may be covered by discussion). C1.1.2 (f)	Ø	"Græ yar get a badrane yar wart get wort."	
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Feedback to candidate:
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these apprentices. All contributed and
Compared their working practice in
compared their working practice in comparison to the Code of Practice.
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2.5 Skills checklist

This checklist is designed to help you show you have learnt all of the skills needed for this qualification. Unlike the Evidence record, this list is not a formal part of your assessment although you and your assessor/tutor should be confident that you can do all of these things by the time you complete your portfolio.

In order to show you are competent, you need to know how to:		Tick if you can	Further guidance
a) b) c)	identify relevant detail and information in explanations, instructions and discussions in a range of contexts pay close attention and respond constructively to what others say use strategies to show you are listening and to clarify and confirm understanding		Understand and respond You must understand and know how to respond to spoken language. In practice, you are likely to demonstrate some of these skills in the context of a formal discussion (C1.1.3). You may demonstrate some, but not all, of these skills in a telephone conversation. Range of contexts The range of contexts might include the classroom, the workplace, or everyday life. Respond constructively You must listen to what other people say and respond in ways that show that you have thought about what they have said and can learn from it. You do not have to accept everything that others say but you must be able to explain why you agree or disagree. Use strategies Strategies to show you are listening could include body language, brief affirmative responses, asking questions to clarify points, repeating/confirming what the speaker has said, etc.
a) b)	judge when to speak and how much to say clearly express statements of fact, questions, explanations, instructions, accounts and descriptions of familiar		Speak to communicate You must know how to orally communicate a range of content and sentiments. In practice, you may demonstrate some of these skills in the context of a formal discussion (C1.1.3). You may demonstrate some,
c) d) e) f) g)	topics use strategies to support what you are saying present information and ideas in a logical sequence respond to questions about a range of familiar topics clearly convey your feelings and opinions when appropriate use language appropriate to your listener(s) and the context		but not all, of these skills in a telephone conversation. Use strategies Strategies to support what you are saying could include body language, facial expression, gestures, emphasis, etc. Present information and ideas in a logical sequence When you are talking to someone, you must be able to make your points in an order that makes it easy for your listener to follow and understand. Clearly convey your feelings and opinions You must be able to say what you think or feel in a way that is balanced and assertive, without being aggressive.
a) b) c) d) e)	prepare for discussions so that you can say things and provide information that is relevant to the subject and purpose of the discussion take part in a purposeful group discussion to reach a shared understanding make clear and relevant contributions to discussions respect the turn-taking rights of others during discussions use appropriate phrases or gestures in order to join in the discussion.		Discussion You must take part in formal discussions with two or more other people, so that you all develop the same understanding of what is being discussed. The discussions must provide opportunities for you to respond to a range of views and sensibilities. Respect turn-taking rights You must allow other people to say what they want to say in a discussion; you must not stop others speaking. Join in discussion You must be able to show that you want to speak, without interrupting a speaker or appearing to be overassertive.

In order to show you are competent, you need to know how to:		Tick if you can	Further guidance		
a) b) c) d) e) f)	read and understand relevant specialist key words and phrases identify the main points and ideas in documents and images recognise the purpose of a variety of documents locate and understand information using organisational features find the meaning of words and phrases you do not understand, using reference materials obtain information from documents and images, including inferring meaning that is not explicit in the text ask others when you are unclear about what you have read.		Independently Your tutor/teacher/trainer may give you, or suggest, some documents for you to read but you must find the information you need within them. Purpose of documents You must be able to identify the purpose of a variety of documents (eg to inform, to persuade, to instruct) by the vocabulary they use and how they are presented. Inferring meaning You must be able to see what a writer means, even when this is not made clear in the text. Skills may be implicit in the work produced While this is not required, you could ensure that the purpose of your reading is to help you write one of your documents for C1.3.1. Your reading skills would then be apparent from what you write about the subject of your reading.		
a) b) c)	plan and draft writing present relevant information in formats that suit your purpose and audience construct compound sentences,		Formats that suit your purpose and audience Your teacher/tutor/trainer may give you guidance about possible formats for your writing but you must make the final choice yourself. This might be a business letter, a report or essay, a set of instructions, a memo, an article		
d) e)	using appropriate conjunctions organise writing in paragraphs that demonstrate a logical sequence use correct basic grammar		for a newspaper or magazine, etc. Judge the relevance of information and the amount of detail to include You must be able to decide how much of what you read is relevant to your purpose and how much detail you need		
f) g)	use punctuation correctly, including apostrophes spell correctly, including specialist		to include in what you write. Spelling, grammar, punctuation You must be able to spell correctly, including		
h)	words judge the relevance of information and the amount of detail to include		 specialist words related to your topic and context. You must know how to write compound sentences using correct basic grammar. 		
i) j)	for your purpose use language suitable to purpose and audience use relevant images to help the		You must use punctuation such as apostrophes accurately (as well as capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, which are required at Entry levels).		
k) l) m)	reader understand your main points produce legible text make your meaning clear check and where necessary revise your documents.	0 0 0	Checking You must check and (where necessary) correct your work in order to ensure that spelling, punctuation and grammar are correct, that it is organised into paragraphs that help the reader to follow what you have written, and that your meaning is clear.		

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WEALTH FROM WASTE

People used to describe Britain as 'an island built on coal, surrounded by fish'. These days, Britain is more like an island built on rubbish, surrounded by pollution. Every year, each household in Britain creates about 1 tonne of rubbish that has to be thrown away. If it wasn't taken away, the streets of our towns would be impassable rubbish mountains. But much of our rubbish is not rubbish at all! Most of it could be recycled.

What happens to our rubbish?

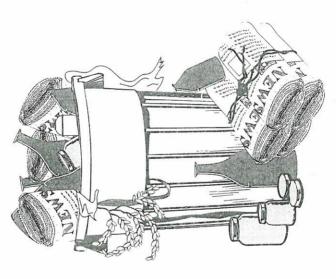
Once the dustmen have taken rubbish away, most of it gets dumped in huge landfill sites. Most sites eventually get covered with soil, but they cannot be used to grow crops and they are not strong enough for buildings. Meanwhile, all the rubbish inside them begins to decompose and all kinds of nasty, poisonous things seep down into the soil. Many of them seep into the water supply. Fires on landfill sites are common because of chemical reactions taking place below the surface. Other rubbish is burned in incinerators – but sometimes that releases toxic funnes and leaves poisonous ash behind.

Why recycle?

Recycling makes such perfect sense, it is amazing people are not forced to do it by law! When something is recycled it saves on finding fresh raw materials to make the same item. Most importantly, it cuts down the amount of energy needed to make that item. It takes less heat to make a glass bottle out of broken, recycled glass than it does starting afresh with the raw ingredients. Less heat means using less oil or coal.

How to recycle

The key to successful recycling is sorting. Recycling is more efficient if different types of items are separated into categories – the more, the better. Rubbish



can be split up into paper, glass, metal, organic waste food, dead flowers, potato peelings, tea leaves, etc.), plastic and things made out of a mixture of items. At the bottle bank, glass can be separated again, into brown, green and clear. By using magnets, metal cans can be separated into steel and aluminium (aluminium will not stick to a magnet.

What can be recycled?

PAPER Paper is made from trees. Each year, everyone in Britain gets through six trees worth of paper. Making new paper harms the environment as the process usually involves chlorine bleach, which pollutes rivers. It's far better to use unbleached, recycled paper. Not only can newspapers be recycled, but also magazines, cardboard, paper bags and envelopes.

GLASS Most high streets now have bottle banks.
Remove all tops first, then recycle drinks bottles, jam jars and sauce bottles. But never recycle bottles that can be reused like milk bottles. It's more efficient to refill them with milk than to make new bottles. If glass is not reused, it lasts forever, broken and buried in the soil.

ORGANIC MATTER If you have a garden, you need never again throw away vegetable peelings, uncaten or rotten food. Get an old dustbin, drill a few holes in it, and pop off to the fishing shop. Buy some brandlings—worms that will happily munch away on your rubbish. In a few months you will have lovely black compost to put on the garden.

METAL Most cans are made out of steel. As steel is magnetic, you can throw it out and it will be magnetically separated out and recycled at a waste centre. If aluminium cans are not recycled, it is a great waste of the energy it takes to makes them. As they are not magnetic you need to separate them out of your rubbish.

CLOTHES Yes, you can recycle old clothes! Take them along to charity shops like Oxfam. Some will be sold, others will go to the Oxfam Wastesaver Unit in Huddersfield. That is where the thousands of tons sent in by Blue Peter viewers in the 1987 Rags Appeal went. Clothes are sorted according to material and returned to textile mills for recycling.

How green are you?

Our group had a discussion on how conscious we are about being green. By reading the handout Wealth From Waste. We each highlighted the important points about reducing waste both at home and at work. After this we each thought about how careful we are our selves.

Our discussion brought out a mixed reaction from us all. Many of us relied on the family system at home to recycle. We also found that there is a big different in the facilities we have at home – those living in Brecon town itself have most things collected from the door. Those of us that live in the country have restricted facilities. This lead to Ewan saying that a lot of his rubbish is burned on the farm. Josh said that his family have to use the car to take paper and bottles to a recycling centre a few miles away. All of us work for firms that are quit good at managing waste. This is not only good for the environment but also for the profit of the firm. At work before throwing anything out we sort any materials that can be reused or recycled.

Before this discussion none of us actually thought of how much electricity we can easily waste. Chris admitted that during the day on sit his firm does have a lot of tools left switch on. We then thought about how much we have on stand by at home. Some of us realised that there was a lot more we can do about being green.

Evaluation

It has made me more aware of the recycling that is possible and the damage non recyclers do to this planet.

We all contributed and we learnt a lot from each other. We all had our say though some were quieter than others. We had to ask some questions so they would join in a little more.

The one thing that was brought up was that recycling facilities are not fair in the area. Some have easy access while others have to use cars to take things to recycling centres. The lads who live in the country have less than those who live in the town.

My own evaluation

I gave my information and opinion and listened carefully to the others. I was able to tell them what recycling we can do in Builth. I learnt that I had to wait sometimes for someone else to finish speaking before I could speak.

How green are you? Tecycling at home.

· At home we compost

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· kitchen waste goes in the wormery for the worms.

lesuring at work.

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· Teuse any Usefull Materials on any Other Jobs.
· don't reside because they only Callect the black normal bogs of publish

· all other rubish goes in a Ship.

· get Sawdust from the Collegage for guinea pigs bedding. · Shread Paper for gearea pig beading.

o use all energy Saving bulbs in the house.

· turn everything of before going to bed.

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The Considerate Constructors Scheme is a national initiate set up by the construction industry to improve its image. Sites and companies that register are monitored against a Code of Considerate Practice designed to develop best practice beyond statutory requirements. The Scheme is

concerned about areas of the construction industry that has a direct impact on the image of the industry as a whole.

The main areas of concern are: the environment, the workforce and the general public.

Site Code of Considerate Practice

The Site Code of Considerate Practice forms the basis of all the Scheme's requirements.

Considerate

Everyone affected by the project should be advised before work starts. Nuisance caused by deliveries, traffic and parking should be minimised. Diversions should be clearly signed with special attention paid to the needs of traders and those with sight, hearing and mobility difficulties.

Environment

The potential environmental and ecological effects of site operations should be identified and evaluated, with appropriate action taken to minimise all forms of pollution. Every effort should be made to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. Materials should be obtained from sustainable sources, and local resources used where possible. The site should make a positive contribution to the natural environment.

Appearance

The site should be doing all it can to create an image of which the industry can be proud. The site perimeter, the offices and all welfare facilities should be clean, tidy and well presented, and all materials stored neatly. Waste, rubbish and litter should not be allowed to accumulate. Dusty operations should be managed to prevent any inconvenience. Damage caused by graffiti should be repaired quickly.

Good Neighbour

The site should have a positive influence on the local community. The site manager should interact proactively with residents, businesses, schools, etc throughout the project to inform them about site activity and to pre-empt and avoid complaints. Any complaint should be logged and handled positively to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all concerned.

Respectful

Everyone on site should help to create a positive image and maintain respectable and safe standards of dress and behaviour. Improper conduct and language should be subject to severe disciplinary action. Pride in the management and appearance of the site, its temporary facilities and the surrounding area should be shown at all times.

Safety

Systems should be in place so that construction work is carried out with care and consideration for the safety of the public as well as for those visiting and working on site. No site should be a security risk to others.

Responsible

Considerate Constructors should be aware of their obligations to personnel, act in a professional and conscientious manner, and play a part in the development of the industry's future workforce.

Accountable

The site manager should promote the Scheme's aim of 'improving the image of construction'. Everyone associated with the site should understand and comply with the Site Code of Considerate Practice. The training and development needs for all on site should be identified and addressed.

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Notes for discussion

1.	Do you think the construction industry has a bad image?
2.	How considerate are you about people who are around you when you are at work? Very considerate of the people in the Suranding area.
3.	How responsible are you and your employer about being respectful in language and dress whilst at work? Le are respectful with our language and dress whilst at hore.
4.	Do you think it is a good idea to be monitored about behaviour and attitude to safety and environment while on a construction site? Self of Sofe you could the fullic of your Self
(What do you could be the "knock on effect" of a poorly run construction site- possible unsafe practice, waste and untidy environment, no regard for anyone else being in the vicinity (other workers, residents) and financial. Charle is a tidy Site of a which Site you hour so for the tidy Site Slow down hold Sow down buildings. once you get a bad name for poor work work can decline
6.	Have you heard of this scheme before? What in general is your opinion? Yes it is a good bloor to keep sites tidy and see .

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The Considerate Constructors Scheme

As a group we were asked to discuss the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This scheme has been set up to improve the image of the construction industry.

Before we had our discussion we were given time to read through the code of practice and to make our own preparation notes. In my notes for discussion I have written down my own opinions. I could then take them forward into the discussion.

After our group discussion we all come to the conclusion that it would not be that appropriate on smaller sites but we decided that it might be relevant on bigger sites. We decided that if you do a bad job or have an untidy site it may result in loss of trade and the consequence could lead to loss of jobs for employees and the repetition of the company goes bad and leads to the company not being able to carry on.

We all listened to each others' suggestions and we all made equal contributions to the group discussion. Kieran mentioned the risk of job losses when people used bad practices in the work place. I made a number of notes from our discussion.

Evaluation:

All of us gave our opinions on our experiences so it was interesting to see how other firms and companies work. It's helped to build on the skills I have learnt in college.

It's made me more aware of how important it is to be considerate towards the general public around where you are working.

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Menace of sky lanterns must end, say farmers

Sky lanterns have been used during the Chinese New Year's celebrations for thousands of years to symbolise hope and good luck. These lanterns are widely available in the UK and cost as little as £1.99 so they are available for most people. These lanterns are used at parties, festivals and are private celebrations. They are made of paper and metal, and they float in the sky for miles, they have been known to fly for 20 minutes or more.

Sky lanterns are nothing but a worry for farmers. They have vowed to continue to press for a complete ban despite a UK Government intervention that stopped short of making them illegal. Manufacturers have been told to make sky lanterns totally biodegradable. There are reports of death and injury among people and livestock in the UK. Mr Clegg has stated that everyone living and working in rural areas knows that the sky lanterns are a threat to our country side as well as a pretty sight to see in the skies. The UK Government is currently looking for ways to reduce the risks caused by these lanterns. Another reason why farmers are against sky lanterns is that the wire in them is getting stuck in the cows' stomachs.

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It's only a ladder - why falls from ladders constitute a genuine hazard in the workplace!

Falls from ladders and stepladders account for nearly one third of all fatal and major injuries and it is estimated they cost the UK economy £70 million each year. These staggering statistics come from the Health and Safety Executive's report on 'Costs to Society' and drive home the fact that ladders are, unless

used properly, inherently dangerous.

On average, 12 people a year are killed at work after falling from ladders and over 1,200 suffer major injuries as a result. Ladders remain the most common agent involved, accounting for more than a quarter of all falls from height. Concerned that this number doesn't seem to be getting any smaller, the HSE is trying to drive home the message that ladders should only be used for low-risk, short duration work, and are issuing safety information for employers on exactly how and when ladders should be used. Although it may seem like basic common sense, employers often disregard the potential threat to their worker's safety when using ladders, even so-called low-level step ladders. They define 'short duration' as between 15 and 30 minutes, depending on the task at hand. Now while this may be fine for a guick DIY job, on a building site ladders are in constant use and pose a considerable risk for workers operating in difficult conditions.

There are basic safety measures that the HSE directives expect everyone to take when using ladders, such as ensuring that people are trained in their use and don't attempt to 'overextend' themselves whilst using the ladder. The general condition of the ladder has to be of a high standard, with no broken or dirty, slippery rungs. The ladder has to be correctly positioned and, if working at height, there should always be someone to 'foot' the ladder at the bottom or secure anchor



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The HSE are proposing that people need to be fully trained in the use of ladders and ladder safety. The ladders being used have to be in good condition and someone should be there to foot the bottom of the ladder. The HSE are concerned about poor standards which in turn could cause accidents. It is the employer's responsibility to keep risks to a minimum for employee's benefits and to keep the potential risks to the absolute minimum.

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- Lifting supports used to support your back when lifting.
- Breathing apparatus worn when dealing with extremely hazardous substances. Worn when working in confined spaces and with hazardous substances.
- Ear defenders worn when using loud machinery or power tools or if you're working around anyone using power tools or machinery.
 These will prevent deafness and any damage to your ears.
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Competitions and grades

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How you find out about joining your local trampolining club

There is a trampoline club in Brecon Leisure Centre every Monday and Friday evenings between 4.15pm and 5.45pm. When you join you will start on award three and the award system goes right through to award sixteen. I am currently on award eleven and working hard to achieve the very best that I can personally achieve.

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