

2016 February Review of Safety Work Methods Statement (SWMS)

Question 13:

This is the first question selected from the Society's SWMS questionnaire to be reviewed periodically to foster comments and develop a common culture of safety.

The question is presented with all options. Comments made by members in their SWMS questionnaire are included. Note that some comments have been entered many times.

This question may be removed from future questionnaires.

Q 13	I see people working below my level, what do I do	
	No.	
(a)		Move towards people and join them
(b)		Collect specimens at my location
(c)		Start digging for a specimen at my location
(d)	15	Move on to another location without people below me.
(e)	2	Move around quarry and join them at quarry level

15 members answered (d), 2 answered (e). Both are correct.

Members made the following brief comments on the above question.

Avoid potential for inadvertently knocking material onto those people. Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.
Collectors should work as a group. Moving down the slope towards the people could cause rock to slip, so it is best to skirt around and join them at their level.
Dislodged material may cause fatal injury to anyone below; Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.
Do not work above people collecting at a lower level (p.8, Minsoc,2015b). You might dislodge rocks on them. Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.
I might dislodge material and send it down on top of someone; Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.
Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.(6) ^{PROOF}
Needs some common sense as to stability of slope, loose rocks and the extent to which they are digging. If necessary people could be asked to move while specimen is extracted.
Opt (d): should be on same level as other people
Opt (d): You should not work directly above anyone.
Ref. Minsoc NSW Safety Statement p.7. (e) may be the next step especially if you were not meant to be at that elevated location; Move around quarry and join them at quarry level
Safety: Move around quarry and join them at quarry level.
There is danger to the people at a lower level from material released by a collector above them.
This way we reduce the chance of something falling from where we are and causing an accident below. Move around quarry and join them at quarry level
Within prescribed area do not work above other people. Move around quarry and join them at quarry level
Your Comment:

PROOF: Section from SWMS/SOP verifying answer.