

Bulldozer Risk Assessment

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| Business Name: | ABN: | |
| Business Address: | | |
| Contact Person: | Phone: | Email: |

THIS RISK ASSESSMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PCBU ON THIS PROJECT

Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) is required to ensure that a RISK ASSESSMENT is prepared before the proposed work starts.

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| Full Name: | | |
| Signature: | Title: | Date: |

CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS

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| Client: | SCOPE OF WORKS |
| Project Name: | |
| Project Address: | |
| Project Manager: | |
| Contact Phone: | |
| Date Risk Assessment supplied to Project Manager: | |

| RISK MATRIX | | | | | | | | | |
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| LIKELIHOOD | INSIGNIFICANT | MINOR | MODERATE | MAJOR | CATASTROPHIC | SCORE | ACTION | HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS | |
| ALMOST CERTAIN | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | 4A ACUTE | DO NOT PROCEED | Elimination Remove the hazard. | |
| LIKELY | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | | | Substitution Replace the hazard. | |
| POSSIBLE | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | | | Isolation Isolate People from the hazard | |
| UNLIKELY | 1 LOW | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | | | Engineering Isolate the hazard | |
| RARE | 1 LOW | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | | | Administrative Change | |
| | | | | | | 1L LOW | Monitor and keep records. | PPE | |
| Risk Rating & Required Action: | | | | | | | | Notes on Hierarchy of Controls: | |
| 4A | | Stop work. The risk is intolerable. Eliminate the hazard or redesign the activity before proceeding. A Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) or higher-level authorisation is required. | | | | | | Remember to apply controls in the preferred order shown by the coloured pyramid: | |
| 3H | | Review and approve additional controls before task starts. Senior supervisor sign-off needed. | | | | | | 1. Eliminate | |
| 2M | | Ensure all nominated controls are in place and effective. Proceed with caution; monitor conditions. | | | | | | 2. Substitute | |
| 1L | | Proceed, following standard operating procedures. Monitor and keep records. | | | | | | 3. Isolate | |
| Consequence Scale: | | | | | | | | 4. Engineering | |
| Consequence | | People (injury/illness) | | Project / Assets | | Compliance / Reputation | | 5. Administrative | |
| Catastrophic | | Fatality or permanent total disability | | project shutdown | | Significant regulator intervention; criminal prosecution | | 6. PPE | |
| Major | | Serious injury/illness (hospital > 5 days) | | critical delay | | Improvement notice; major media coverage | | Always document why a lower-order control is accepted if elimination or substitution is not reasonably practicable. | |
| Moderate | | Medical-treatment injury; lost-time > 1 day | | moderate delay | | Minor breach; adverse client comment | | <i>aligned with Safe Work Australia's Managing the risk of fatigue at work (2023) and ISO 45001:2018 clauses 6–8.</i> | |
| Minor | | First-aid only, no lost time | | negligible delay | | Isolated non-conformance | | | |
| Insignificant | | No injury | | no schedule impact | | Deviation caught and corrected on site | | | |

| JOB STEP | POTENTIAL HAZARDS | IR | CONTROL MEASURES | RR |
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| SPECIFIC WORK STEPS | HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE | INITIAL RISK | SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS | RESIDUAL RISK |
| 1. Preparation | Inadequate PPE, Lack of equipment inspection | 3H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure all personnel wear appropriate PPE, including high visibility clothing, helmets, and boots - Conduct pre-start checks on the bulldozer to ensure all components are working correctly - Verify competency and training of bulldozer operators - Provide a detailed briefing on safety procedures and emergency protocols - Ensure communication devices are available and working - Have first aid kits on site - Confirm the presence of appropriately trained first-aid officers - Identify and mark hazardous areas on the site - Conduct a weather check to anticipate adverse conditions - Obtain necessary permits before commencing operations | 2M |
| 2. Machine Inspection | Mechanical failure, Fluid leaks | 3H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a walk-around visual inspection of the bulldozer - Check fluid levels and look for leaks under the machine - Inspect tracks, bucket, and other attachments for wear and tear - Test all functions including brakes and steering - Record results in a maintenance log before start-up - Ensure all guards are in place and secure - Replace or repair any faulty parts immediately - Use only authorized replacement parts for repairs - Ensure maintenance schedule is up-to-date - Train operators to recognize signs of equipment malfunction | 2M |
| 3. Site Survey | Uneven terrain, Unmarked underground utilities | 3H | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perform a walk-through inspection of the work site to identify any specific hazards - Use site maps indicating utility lines and pipelines - Obtain utility location services to confirm the placement of underground utilities - Mark potential hazards with visible warning signs or tape - Ensure site is free of debris and unnecessary obstacles - Verify ground stability especially in wet conditions - Establish clear demarcation of no-go zones - Engage spotters during operations to monitor surroundings | 2M |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure site boundaries are prominently marked - Conduct regular site inspections to maintain safety practices | |
| 4. Starting the Engine | Engine failure, Unauthorized start-up | 2M | <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> | 1L |
| 5. Bulldozing Operations | Collision with obstacles, Debris ejection | 4A | <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> | 3H |
| 6. Loader Use | Tip over, Load dropping | 4A | <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> | 3H |

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| 7. Refuelling | Fire hazard, Spillage | 3H | | 2M |
| 8. Driving on Public Roads | Traffic collisions, Pedestrian injury | 4A | | 3H |
| 9. Parking | Unintentional movement, Theft or vandalism | 2M | | 1L |

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| 10. Shutdown and Maintenance | Accidental start-up, Exposed moving parts | 3H | | 2M |
| 11. End of Day Checks | Neglected safety hazards, Inadequate documentation | 2M | | 1L |
| 12. Emergency Procedures | Injury during evacuation, Inadequate response | 3H | | 2M |

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| 13. Weather Monitoring | Extreme weather exposure, Reduced visibility | 3H | | 2M |
| 14. Spill Management | Environmental contamination, Personal exposure | 3H | | 2M |
| 15. Fire Safety | Fire outbreak, Inadequate firefighting equipment | 4A | | 3H |

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| 16. Noise Management | Hearing damage, Communication barriers | 3H | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> | 2M |
| 17. Dust Control | Respiratory issues, Reduced visibility | 3H | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> | 2M |
| 18. Traffic Management | Pedestrian collision, Vehicle collision | 4A | <div></div> <div></div> | 3H |

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| 19. Load Management | Unbalanced load, Load shift | 3H | | 2M |
| 20. Communication | Misunderstanding, Delayed response | 3H | | 2M |

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SAMPLE

EMERGENCY RESPONSE – CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCIES

Ensure to have an Emergency Management Plan in place as well as adequate numbers of trained first aid staff with easy access to fully stocked first aid kits, rescue equipment, material safety data sheets, adequate access to emergency communication equipment and fire-fighting equipment suitable for all classes of fire and ignition sources.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES IF ANY STATE THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE

Queensland & Australian Capital Territory

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Legislation QLD: <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws>

Codes of Practice QLD: <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

Legislation ACT: <https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations>

Codes of Practice ACT: <https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

Victoria

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Legislation VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations>

Codes of Practice VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice>

New South Wales

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Legislation NSW: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislation>

Codes of Practice NSW: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-codes-of-practice>

Western Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2020

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022

Legislation Western Australia: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation>

Codes of Practice WA: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice>

Northern Territory

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011

Legislation NT: <https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplace-safety-laws>

Codes of Practice NT: <https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

Safe Work Australia Links

Law and Regulation (All States): <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation>

Model Codes of Practice: <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice>

Model Codes of Practice

- Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work
- Confined spaces
- Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals
- Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace
- Welding processes
- First aid in the workplace
- Managing the risk of falls at workplaces
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Managing the risk of falls in housing construction
- Managing electrical risks in the workplace
- Demolition work
- Excavation work
- Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination
- Managing the work environment and facilities
- How to manage work health and safety risks
- Managing risks of plant in the workplace
- Construction work

South Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)

Legislation for SA: <https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation>

Codes of Practice for SA: <https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/workplaces/codes-of-practice#COPs>

Tasmania

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012

Legislation for TAS: <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations>

Codes of Practice for TAS: <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice>

Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required):

- Permits from local council
- Authorisation to commence work
- Any required documents.