

## Cleaning Exhaust Hoods Risk Assessment

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

## THIS RISK ASSESSMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PCBU ON THE 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  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   |  |  |
|--|---|---------------|--------------------|------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| LIKELIHOOD   | INSIGNIFICANT                               | MINOR         | MODERATE           | MAJOR      | CATASTROPHIC   | SCORE          | ACTION                            | HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS  |  |
| ALMOST CERTAIN   | 3<br>HIGH                                   | 3<br>HIGH     | 4<br>ACUTE         | 4<br>ACUTE | 4<br>ACUTE   |                |                                   | <b>Elimination</b><br>Remove the hazard.   |  |
| LIKELY   | 2<br>MODERATE                               | 3<br>HIGH     | 3<br>HIGH          | 4<br>ACUTE | 4<br>ACUTE   | 4A<br>ACUTE    | DO NOT PROCEED                    | <b>Substitution</b><br>Replace the hazard.   |  |
| POSSIBLE   | 1<br>LOW                                    | 2<br>MODERATE | 3<br>HIGH          | 4<br>ACUTE | 4<br>ACUTE   | 3H<br>HIGH     | Review before work starts.        | Isolation<br>Isolate People from the hazard  |  |
| UNLIKELY   | 1<br>LOW                                    | 1<br>LOW      | 2<br>MODERATE      | 3<br>HIGH  | 4<br>ACUTE   | 2M<br>MODERATE | Ensure control measures in place. | <b>Engineering</b><br>Isolate the hazard   |  |
| RARE   | 1<br>LOW                                    | 1<br>LOW      | 2<br>MODERATE      | 3<br>HIGH  | 3<br>HIGH  | 1L<br>LOW      | Monitor and keep records.         | <b>Administrative</b><br>Change  |  |
|  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | <b>PPE</b>   |  |
| <b>Risk Rating &amp; Required Action:</b>  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | <b>Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:</b>   |  |
| 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. <b>Eliminate</b>  |  |
| 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   |  |
|  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | 4. Engineering   |  |
|  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | 5. Administrative  |  |
|  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | 6. PPE   |  |
| <b>Consequence Scale:</b>  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | Always document <b>why</b> a lower-order control is accepted if elimination or substitution is not reasonably practicable. |  |
| Consequence  | People (injury/illness)                     |               | Project / Assets   |            | Compliance / Reputation                                  |                |                                   |  |  |
| Catastrophic   | Fatality or permanent total disability      |               | project shutdown   |            | Significant regulator intervention; criminal prosecution |                |                                   |  |  |
| Major  | Serious injury/illness (hospital > 5 days)  |               | critical delay     |            | Improvement notice; major media coverage                 |                |                                   |  |  |
| Moderate   | Medical-treatment injury; lost-time > 1 day |               | moderate delay     |            | Minor breach; adverse client comment                     |                |                                   |  |  |
| Minor  | First-aid only, no lost time                |               | negligible delay   |            | Isolated non-conformance                                 |                |                                   |  |  |
| Insignificant  | No injury                                   |               | no schedule impact |            | Deviation caught and corrected on site                   |                |                                   |  |  |
|  |   |               |                    |            |  |                |                                   | <i>aligned with Safe Work Australia's Managing the risk of fatigue at work (2023) and ISO 45001:2018 clauses 6–8.</i>      |  |

| JOB STEP            | POTENTIAL HAZARDS                   | IR           | CONTROL MEASURES   | RR            |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| 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      | chemical exposure, slips            | 3H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a pre-cleaning briefing to identify and communicate hazards</li> <li>- Ensure all workers are trained in chemical handling</li> <li>- Use signage to alert others of cleaning operations</li> <li>- Wear appropriate PPE, such as gloves and safety goggles</li> <li>- Check for spills and clean them up immediately</li> <li>- Ensure the floor is dry and free from obstacles</li> <li>- Use non-slip footwear</li> <li>- Assign a safety officer to oversee operations</li> <li>- Regularly review and update training</li> <li>- Establish a communication plan for spills or exposures</li> </ul> | 2M            |
| 2. Shut Off Power   | electrical shock, fire              | 4H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify and locate the power source for the exhaust hood</li> <li>- Communicate the shutdown to all staff present</li> <li>- Use lockout/tagout procedures to prevent accidental reactivation</li> <li>- Wear insulated gloves</li> <li>- Display visible signage indicating equipment is powered down</li> <li>- Verify power disconnection with a multimeter</li> <li>- Restrict access to the power switch</li> <li>- Test safety switches before commencing work</li> <li>- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby</li> <li>- Conduct regular equipment checks for wear and tear</li> </ul>                       | 2M            |
| 3. Ventilation      | fume inhalation, restricted airflow | 3H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilize portable ventilation units if necessary</li> <li>- Ensure area is well-ventilated before starting</li> <li>- Use respiratory protection equipment</li> <li>- Assign tasks to minimise time spent in enclosed spaces</li> <li>- Regularly inspect ventilation systems</li> <li>- Implement a ventilation maintenance schedule</li> <li>- Increase ventilation during chemical use</li> <li>- Train staff on emergency ventilation procedures</li> </ul>  | 2M            |

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|                                |                             |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor air quality throughout cleaning process</li> <li>- Position fans to assist airflow away from workers</li> </ul>   |               |
| 4. Assemble Cleaning Materials | chemical reaction, spills   | 3H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wear appropriate PPE (goggles, gloves, apron)</li> <li>- Use proper mixing techniques</li> <li>- Label all containers</li> <li>- Store chemicals properly</li> <li>- Clean up spills immediately</li> <li>- Use spill kits</li> <li>- Avoid contact with skin and eyes</li> <li>- Use fans to assist airflow</li> <li>- Monitor air quality</li> <li>- Position fans to assist airflow away from workers</li> </ul> | 2M            |
| 5. Inspect Exhaust Hood        | falling debris, sharp edges | 3H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inspect hood for damage</li> <li>- Clean hood regularly</li> <li>- Use proper lifting techniques</li> <li>- Avoid contact with sharp edges</li> <li>- Use fans to assist airflow</li> <li>- Monitor air quality</li> <li>- Position fans to assist airflow away from workers</li> </ul>   | 2M            |
| 6. Apply Cleaning Solutions    | skin contact, inhalation    | 3H           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wear appropriate PPE (goggles, gloves, apron)</li> <li>- Use proper mixing techniques</li> <li>- Label all containers</li> <li>- Store chemicals properly</li> <li>- Clean up spills immediately</li> <li>- Use spill kits</li> <li>- Avoid contact with skin and eyes</li> <li>- Use fans to assist airflow</li> <li>- Monitor air quality</li> <li>- Position fans to assist airflow away from workers</li> </ul> | 2M            |

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| 7. Scrubbing        | muscle strain, chemical contact | 3H           |  | 2M            |
| 8. Rinsing          | slippery surfaces, wet floor    | 3H           |  | 1L            |
| 9. Drying           | mould growth, slippery floors   | 2M           |  | 1L            |

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| 10. Disposal of Waste       | improper disposal, environmental contamination | 3H           |  | 1L            |
| 11. Inspection and Approval | overlooked hazards, incomplete cleaning        | 2M           |  | 1L            |
| 12. Restock Chemicals       | stock misplacement, overstocking               | 2M           |  | 1L            |

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| 13. Restore Power                   | electrical shock, equipment failure      | 3H           |  | 1L            |
| 14. Conduct Post-Operation Briefing | communication errors, unreported issues  | 2M           |  | 1L            |
| 15. Update Safety Records           | outdated information, incomplete records | 2M           |  | 1L            |

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| 16. Evaluate Risk Management Plan | inaccurate risk assessment, failure to improve measures | 2M           | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> | 1L            |
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## 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.