

Maintenance of Excavator Buckets Risk Assessment

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.

Full Name:		
Signature:	Title:	Date:

CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS

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 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE			Elimination Remove the hazard.
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCEED	Substitution Replace the hazard.
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.	Isolation Isolate People from the hazard
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	Engineering Isolate the hazard
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	Monitor and keep records.	Administrative Change
								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		
						4. Engineering		
						5. Administrative		
						6. PPE		
Consequence Scale:						Always document why 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			
						aligned with Safe Work Australia's Managing the risk of fatigue at work (2023) and ISO 45001:2018 clauses 6–8.		

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	Slips, trips, and falls, Manual handling injuries	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a site inspection to identify and remove potential tripping hazards - Provide training on proper manual handling techniques - Use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as safety boots and gloves - Ensure all employees are aware of the emergency procedures and exit locations - Keep the work area clean and dry to prevent slips - Implement a tagging system for faulty tools and equipment - Restrict access to the work area to authorised personnel only - Schedule work during daylight hours whenever possible - Use signage to alert workers of potential hazards - Conduct toolbox talks before work commencement 	2M
2. Securing Work Area	Unauthorised access, Inadequate warning signs	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use barriers and warning tape to delineate the work area - Display clear and visible warning signs around the work perimeter - Ensure all personnel have IDs for work site access - Regularly check and maintain all barriers and signs for visibility and effectiveness - Implement swipe card entry for authorised personnel - Use lighting to increase visibility of the work site during overcast days or low-light conditions - Place security personnel to monitor the entrance - Conduct regular security briefings with all staff - Establish communication protocols for reporting unauthorised access - Keep a log of all personnel entering and exiting the site 	2M
3. Lifting Bucket Components	Dropped objects, Equipment failure	4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use certified lifting devices and check their inspection records before use - Ensure all operators are licensed and trained for crane and lifting equipment - Conduct visual inspections of lifting gear before every use - Establish an exclusion zone around lifting operations - Use taglines or guide ropes to control loads - Ensure communication protocols are clear between operators - Verify that load capacities are not exceeded - Implement regular maintenance of lifting equipment 	2M

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide spotters to assist with manoeuvres - Suspend work in adverse weather conditions 	
4. Removing Pins and Bushings	Pinch points, Hand tool misuse	3H	<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. Cleaning Components	Chemical exposure, Inhalation, Dust and particles	3H	<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>	2M
6. Inspecting Components	Eye injuries, Misidentification of defects	3H	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1L

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7. Repair of Damaged Parts	Tool-related injuries, Electrical safety risks	4A		2M
8. Reassembling Components	Incorrect assembly leading to failure Pinch points during assembly	4A		2M
9. Testing Functionality	Operational malfunctions, Flying debris	3H		1L

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10. Documentation and Reporting	Incomplete documentation, Communication breakdown	2M	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	1L
11. Operator Training	Inexperience, Lack of knowledge	3H	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	1L
12. Inventory Management	Stock misplacement, Inadequate stock recording	2M	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	1L

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13. Waste Management	Environmental contamination, Injury from waste handling	3H		2M
14. Communication with Team	Miscommunication, Failure to relay critical information	3H		1L
15. Review of Processes	Overlooking process improvements, Failure to learn from incidents	2M		1L

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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.