

Tower Crane Assembly Dismantling Risk Assessment

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.

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				
								<i>aligned with Safe Work Australia's Managing the risk of fatigue at work (2023) and ISO 45001:2018 clauses 6–8.</i>	

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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	Falling Objects, Unauthorised Access	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct site induction for all staff. - Implement exclusion zones around the crane base. - Use hard hats for all personnel in the vicinity. - Display warning signs prominently. - Ensure only authorised personnel are in the area. - Regularly inspect the area for potential falling hazards. - Use spotters during operations. - Secure loose materials that could be displaced. - Maintain clear communication protocols. - Provide adequate lighting for visibility. 	2M
2. Unloading Crane Components	Crush Injuries, Manual Handling Injuries	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use mechanical aids for unloading. - Employ trained riggers for component handling. - Ensure stable stacking of unloaded components. - Use appropriate PPE including gloves and boots. - Conduct a manual handling risk assessment. - Provide training on correct lifting techniques. - Limit manual lifting to less than 20kg per person. - Use team lifting techniques where necessary. - Keep work area clear of obstructions and tripping hazards. - Establish communication signals between workers handling components. 	2M
3. Assembling the Base	Pinch Points, Structural Collapse	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct thorough inspections of all components before assembly. - Use certified, properly calibrated tools. - Implement lock-out/tag-out procedures where applicable. - Assign a competent supervisor to oversee assembly. - Set up exclusion zones around the base. - Follow manufacturer assembly instructions rigorously. - Install temporary supports to provide stability during assembly. - Ensure ground conditions are suitable and stable. 	2M

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use personnel with adequate experience in tower crane assembly. - Conduct a safety briefing before starting assembly. 	
4. Erecting the Mast	High Winds, Overhead Power Lines	4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erect the mast in a clear area free of overhead power lines and other obstructions. - Ensure the mast is erected vertically and is stable. - Use appropriate lifting techniques and equipment. - Monitor weather conditions and stop work if winds become too strong. - Ensure all personnel are trained and qualified to perform the task. - Use safety harness and fall protection when working at height. - Establish a clear exclusion zone around the mast during erection. - Communicate clearly with all personnel involved in the erection process. - Use a competent person to supervise the erection process. - Ensure the mast is properly secured and braced once erected. - Perform regular inspections of the mast and its components. - Keep the mast clean and free of debris. - Use appropriate PPE at all times. - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for mast erection. - Ensure the ground is firm and level. - Use a crane with adequate capacity for the mast. - Plan the erection route in advance. - Use a crane with a clear path to the mast. - Ensure the mast is lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the mast becomes unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the mast or its components while it is being erected. - Keep a safe distance from the mast during erection. - Use a crane with a clear view of the mast. - Ensure the mast is lifted from a stable base. - Use a crane with a clear path to the mast. - Ensure the mast is lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the mast becomes unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the mast or its components while it is being erected. - Keep a safe distance from the mast during erection. - Use a crane with a clear view of the mast. - Ensure the mast is lifted from a stable base. 	2M
5. Assembling the Jib	Overturning Crane, Entanglement	4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the jib is assembled in a clear area free of overhead power lines and other obstructions. - Use appropriate lifting techniques and equipment. - Monitor weather conditions and stop work if winds become too strong. - Ensure all personnel are trained and qualified to perform the task. - Use safety harness and fall protection when working at height. - Establish a clear exclusion zone around the jib during assembly. - Communicate clearly with all personnel involved in the assembly process. - Use a competent person to supervise the assembly process. - Ensure the jib is properly secured and braced once assembled. - Perform regular inspections of the jib and its components. - Keep the jib clean and free of debris. - Use appropriate PPE at all times. - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for jib assembly. - Ensure the ground is firm and level. - Use a crane with adequate capacity for the jib. - Plan the assembly route in advance. - Use a crane with a clear path to the jib. - Ensure the jib is lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the jib becomes unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the jib or its components while it is being assembled. - Keep a safe distance from the jib during assembly. - Use a crane with a clear view of the jib. - Ensure the jib is lifted from a stable base. - Use a crane with a clear path to the jib. - Ensure the jib is lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the jib becomes unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the jib or its components while it is being assembled. - Keep a safe distance from the jib during assembly. - Use a crane with a clear view of the jib. - Ensure the jib is lifted from a stable base. 	2M
6. Installing the Counterweights	Load Shift, Back Injuries	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the counterweights are installed in a clear area free of overhead power lines and other obstructions. - Use appropriate lifting techniques and equipment. - Monitor weather conditions and stop work if winds become too strong. - Ensure all personnel are trained and qualified to perform the task. - Use safety harness and fall protection when working at height. - Establish a clear exclusion zone around the counterweights during installation. - Communicate clearly with all personnel involved in the installation process. - Use a competent person to supervise the installation process. - Ensure the counterweights are properly secured and braced once installed. - Perform regular inspections of the counterweights and its components. - Keep the counterweights clean and free of debris. - Use appropriate PPE at all times. - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for counterweight installation. - Ensure the ground is firm and level. - Use a crane with adequate capacity for the counterweights. - Plan the installation route in advance. - Use a crane with a clear path to the counterweights. - Ensure the counterweights are lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the counterweights become unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the counterweights or its components while it is being installed. - Keep a safe distance from the counterweights during installation. - Use a crane with a clear view of the counterweights. - Ensure the counterweights are lifted from a stable base. - Use a crane with a clear path to the counterweights. - Ensure the counterweights are lifted slowly and controlled. - Stop work if the counterweights become unstable or if there are any signs of failure. - Do not touch the counterweights or its components while it is being installed. - Keep a safe distance from the counterweights during installation. - Use a crane with a clear view of the counterweights. - Ensure the counterweights are lifted from a stable base. 	2M

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7. Connecting Power Supply	Electrical Shock, Fire Risk	3H		2M
8. System Testing	Operational Malfunction, Human Error	4A		2M
9. Crane Operations Calibration	Load Swing, Uncontrolled Dropping	4A		2M

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10. Dismantling Preparations	Collapse during Dismantle, Improper Sequencing	4A		2M
11. Lowering the Mast	Falling Components, Crane Instability	4A		2M
12. Removing Counterweights	Load Imbalance, Back Strain	3H		2M

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13. Disassembling the Jib	Pinch Injuries, Structural Shift	3H		1L
14. Final Site Inspection	Trip Hazards, Sharp Objects	2M		1L
15. Crane Load Testing	Structural Failure, Control System Malfunction	4A		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.