

Transporting Large Animals 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	Animal escape, Inappropriate vehicle	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a pre-transport animal assessment. - Utilise appropriate containment measures. - Verify vehicle suitability for animal transport. - Ensure competent personnel are assigned. - Maintain communication plan with stakeholders. - Confirm emergency procedures are understood. - Check weather conditions and prepare contingencies. - Implement animal identification systems. - Provide adequate ventilation within transport. - Inspect vehicle for structural integrity. 	2M
2. Loading Phase	Animal stress, Slipping animals	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use low-stress handling techniques. - Ensure stable, non-slip loading ramps. - Allow animal to acclimate to loading area. - Use trained personnel and appropriate equipment. - Implement animal behaviour monitoring. - Provide adequate lighting in loading area. - Maintain clear and unobstructed pathways. - Install noise dampening measures. - Supervise animal loading at all times. - Brief personnel on emergency actions. 	2M
3. In Transit	Vehicle accident, Animal injury	4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adhere to safe driving practices. - Monitor road and traffic conditions. - Secure animals properly within vehicles. - Limit travel duration to prevent fatigue. - Conduct regular checks on animals. - Provide appropriate ventilation and environmental controls. - Keep communication channels open. - Plan rest stops for long journeys. 	3H

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure adherence to transportation legislative requirements. - Maintain clear travel logs and documentation. 	
4. Unloading Phase	Animal escape, Personnel injury	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure adherence to transportation legislative requirements. - Maintain clear travel logs and documentation. - Ensure all personnel are properly trained and equipped for the task. - Implement strict safety protocols for animal handling. - Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). - Establish clear communication channels between all personnel. - Conduct regular safety checks and inspections. - Implement a system for reporting and addressing incidents. - Ensure all equipment is in good working order. - Provide adequate training and supervision. - Implement a system for monitoring animal behavior. - Establish a clear chain of command. - Implement a system for managing emergencies. - Ensure all personnel are aware of their roles and responsibilities. - Implement a system for maintaining accurate records. - Establish a system for regular communication and updates. - Implement a system for managing and resolving conflicts. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of safety. - Implement a system for providing ongoing training and development. - Establish a system for managing and resolving complaints. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's values and mission. - Implement a system for managing and resolving disputes. - Establish a system for providing regular feedback and evaluation. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's policies and procedures. - Implement a system for managing and resolving issues. - Establish a system for providing regular communication and updates. - Implement a system for managing and resolving conflicts. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of safety. - Implement a system for providing ongoing training and development. - Establish a system for managing and resolving complaints. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's values and mission. - Implement a system for managing and resolving disputes. - Establish a system for providing regular feedback and evaluation. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's policies and procedures. - Implement a system for managing and resolving issues. 	2M
5. Post-Transport Assessment	Health issues, Injury identification	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a thorough health assessment of all personnel and animals. - Implement a system for monitoring and reporting health issues. - Establish a clear chain of command. - Implement a system for managing emergencies. - Ensure all personnel are aware of their roles and responsibilities. - Implement a system for maintaining accurate records. - Establish a system for regular communication and updates. - Implement a system for managing and resolving conflicts. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of safety. - Implement a system for providing ongoing training and development. - Establish a system for managing and resolving complaints. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's values and mission. - Implement a system for managing and resolving disputes. - Establish a system for providing regular feedback and evaluation. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's policies and procedures. - Implement a system for managing and resolving issues. 	1L
6. Post-Transport Facility Clean-Up	Biohazards, Slip hazards	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement a system for managing and resolving issues. - Establish a system for providing regular communication and updates. - Implement a system for managing and resolving conflicts. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of safety. - Implement a system for providing ongoing training and development. - Establish a system for managing and resolving complaints. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's values and mission. - Implement a system for managing and resolving disputes. - Establish a system for providing regular feedback and evaluation. - Ensure all personnel are aware of the company's policies and procedures. - Implement a system for managing and resolving issues. 	2M

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7. Documentation and Reporting	Data inaccuracy, Non-compliance	2M		1L
8. Review and Update Process	Process outdated, Not improvement	2M		1L
9. Animal Welfare Checks	Neglect, Non-compliance	3H		1L

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10. Vehicle Maintenance	Mechanical failures, Inadequate safety features	3H		2M
11. Emergency Planning	Lack of preparedness, Delayed response	4A		3H
12. Animal Handling Training	Ineffective handling, Increased stress	3H		2M

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13. Equipment Assessment	Equipment failure, Improvised tools	3H		2M
14. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Incorrect usage, Inadequate protection	3H		2M
15. Hazardous Materials Management	Chemical exposure, Improper disposal	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.