



Backstage Hurry During Theatre	Performances   SAFE WOR	RK METHOD STATEMENT (S)	WMS)
TASK OR ACTIVIT	ΓΥ: Backstage Hurry During Thea	atre Performances	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E jil:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROOD BY	THE PCL OF THE ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting a business or under a (PC 1) is	required to en that a safe work method s	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:	NY	Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	opliance the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS S VMS MY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA, 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accomply with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuate hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must sto, an alately. Depending on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend the SWMS if required. The meeting may also be an educational opportunity.			
Any changes made to the SWMS after an incident or a near miss must be approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and communicated to all relevant personnel.			
The SWMS must be kept and be available for inspection at least until the work is completed. Where a SWMS is revised, all versions should be kept. If a notifiable incident occurs in relation to which the SWMS relates, then the SWMS must be kept for at least two years from the occurrence of the notifiable incident.			

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CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR DETAILS
Client:	SCOPE OF WORKS
Project Name:	
Project Address:	
Project Manager:	
Contact Phone:	
Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager:	
ANY HIGH BIOK CONSTRUCTOR	NAME OF THE POLIT
ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTOR	N WC & BEIN C ARIED OUT
☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters	is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping
☐ is carried out on a telecommunication tower	carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines
☐ involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-bearing	$\square$ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integral of a functure	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere
☐ involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asb	☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete
☐ involves structural alteration or repair that —quires term — v sup —rt to prevent collapse	☐ is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor
☐ is carried out in or near a confined space	☐ is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant
☐ is carried out in/near a shaft or trench deeper that. tunnel involving use of explosives	☐ is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
$\square$ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	☐ involves diving work.
ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINER	Y OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY

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RISK MATRIX										
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION	HEI	RARCHY OF CONTROLS	
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	SCORE	ACTION		Elimination Remove the hazard.	
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCE		Substitution	
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.		Replace the hazard.	
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	Isolate	e People from the hazard	
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	nitor and		Engineering Isolate the hazard.	
is the second m	rchy of Controls: ost effective metho nging the work is th	d of controlling a	hazard. Enginee	ering by isolati	on is the in ost e	en 'ive, while	rd. Substitution Administrative effective		Administrative Change the work.  PPE	

				PERS		TIVE EQUIPM					
		Select the app	ropriate PPŁ	abo v uitab	cor the equi	pment used or	the job task	being perforr	ned (if applica	ıble).	
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING ETION	P ECTION	PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
Other PPE R	equired:										
	Pe	ermit or Licen	ses Requirem	ents		Mandatory Qualifications and Training					



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	Incorrect set positioning, Injury from tools or machinery	2M	<ul> <li>Conduct a pre-performance safety briefing a all crew members to emphasise the importance of proper set positioning and safe tool use.</li> <li>Verify set pieces are correctly placed according to be stage plan before each performance, using floor markings or set diagrams as guides.</li> <li>Double-check all tools and no binery for proper notitions at maintenance prior to their use in setup or adjustments.</li> <li>Implement a soulem where pnly a norised personal are allowed to operate specific machinery and tools backst.</li> <li>Labor and storpols in esignated and of orminimise the risk of accidental injury from misplaced items.</li> <li>Equit to a without quate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and safety shoes to reduce is a when in adjing tools and set materials.</li> <li>Schedule result training sessions on the safe use of tools and machinery for all relevant staff, including aw tear memory.</li> <li>This has stage access during preparation to essential personnel to decrease unnecessary traffic and onfusion.</li> <li>Use sign a dedicated supervisor to oversee set preparations and tool usage to ensure compliance with safely protocols.</li> <li>Encourage open communication for crew members to report hazards or confusion about set positioning without penalty.</li> <li>Use visual and auditory signals, like lights and alarms, to indicate movement or operation of potentially dangerous machinery.</li> <li>Develop and rehearse an emergency response plan that includes procedures for injuries related to tools or incorrect set placement.</li> <li>Position first aid kits and trained responders at accessible locations backstage to provide immediate assistance if necessary.</li> </ul>	1L
2. Scene Setup	Falling objects, Tripping over cables/wires	3H	<ul> <li>Use secure rigging and fasten all set pieces properly to prevent falling objects during scene changes.</li> <li>Implement a designated area for storing tools and equipment safely when not in use, ensuring nothing is left loose or unstable.</li> <li>Ensure all cables and wires are covered with cable ramps or mats to minimise trip hazards.</li> <li>Conduct regular inspections of the stage and backstage areas to ensure that workspaces are clear of unnecessary items and potential obstacles.</li> <li>Provide adequate lighting backstage to enhance visibility and help individuals navigate safely around cables and other obstructions.</li> </ul>	2M



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			- Utilise high-visibility tape or markers on floors and steps to alert staff and performers to areas where cables are present or other dangers exist.	
			- Train all crew and performers on safe practices and report hazards promptly.	
			- Establish clear communication protocols us tradio devices or hand signals to coordinate crew actions during scene changes and minimise rushes trunexpects novements.	
			- Secure electrical cables to stage surfaces us sive strips where necessary to prevent them from shifting underfoot.	
			- Ensure proper footwear is way by crew members and personners, consisting of shoes with good grip, to prevent slips and trips	
			- Develop a determinance page and outlining specific roles and responsibilities for each crew member to eliminate musion and bluce the pressure.	
			- Core a thore the arety briefing with all crew members prior to installation to ensure everyone is aware in ctrical rety procedures and protocols.	
			- Ensure all personne volved in lighting installation are adequately trained in working at heights and have collected a work grat-heights safety course.	
			- poil ble requial current devices (RCDs) on all electrical tools and equipment to prevent electric shock	
			Regularly inspect all electrical cables and connectors for damage before use, and replace any faulty connents immediately.	
			Utilise appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as insulated gloves and rubber-soled boots, when handling electrical equipment.	
3. Lighting Installation	Electrical shocks, Faom heigh	-tA	- Install temporary barriers or warning signs around work areas to prevent unauthorised access during lighting installation.	2M
			- Employ the use of scaffolding or elevate work platforms that meet Australian standards, ensuring they are properly erected and stable before use.	
			- Assign a qualified spotter to monitor the safety of workers who are operating at heights and to communicate any potential hazards.	
			- Implement a lockout/tagout system for electrical equipment to ensure it is de-energised before maintenance or installation work commences.	
			- Maintain clear communication between crew members via two-way radios or similar devices to coordinate movements and avoid accidents.	
			- Schedule regular breaks for workers installing lighting at heights to reduce fatigue, which can lead to errors and accidents.	
			- Ensure that emergency procedures are well understood by all personnel, including the location of first aid kits and the nearest medical facilities.	
Sound Check	Noise-induced hearing loss, Electrical shocks	3H		1L



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5. Costume Fitting	Allergic reaction to materials, Skin irritation	2M		1L

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6. Makeup Application	Chemical burns/allergies, Slip and fall			1L
7. Dress Rehearsal	Physical strains, Collisions or falls	3H		2M



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8. Performance	Stage fire, Injuries from props/costumes/scenery, room stage	4A		2M
	Stage			



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9. Scene Change	Falls due to lack of lighting, Hurried movements causing injury	ЗН		2M
10. Prop Adjustment	Injury from sharp/heavy objects, Tripping over items	3Н		<b>2</b> M



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11. Quick Change	Stress/anxiety, Physical surfast/awkward movement	ЗН		1L



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12. Curtain Calls	Rushing off stage, Tripping/Falling due to fatigue	3H		2M
13. Encore Performance	Repeated physical strain, Prolonged exposure to bright lights/noise	4A		2M



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14. Post-show Cleanup	Slip on littered items, St. from lifting/moving heavy objects	4A		2M



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15. Debrief/Evaluation	Psychological stress from evaluation/review, Ignoring physical ailments due to rush	2M		1L
16. Packdown/Dismissal	Injury from heavy lifting, Tripping over loose items	3Н		2M

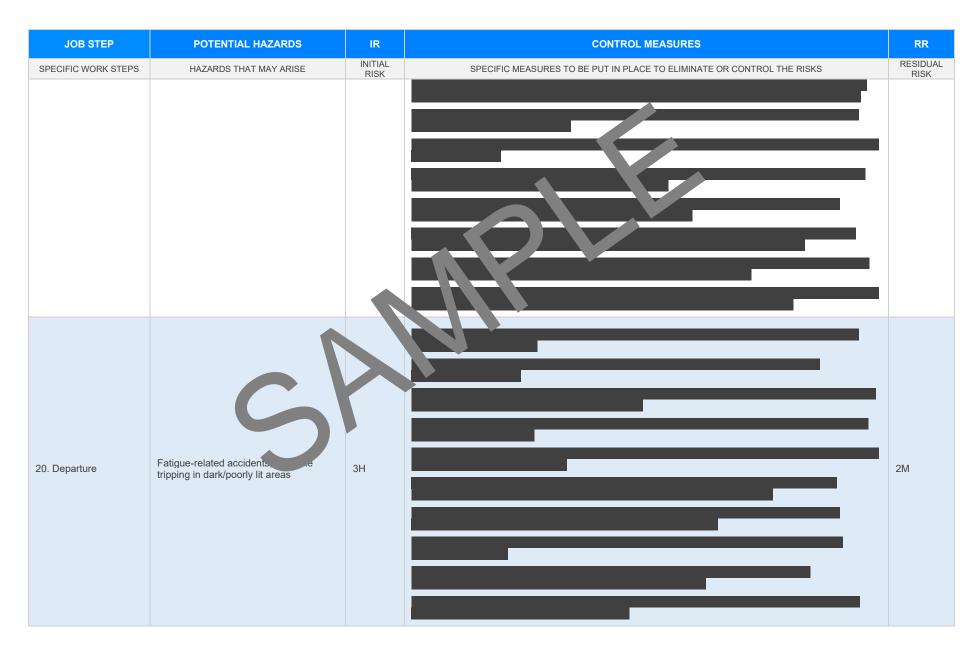


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17. Equipment Maintenance	Electrical shock, Cuts or hiury free cools	4A		1L
18. Repair Works	Risk of falls, Injuries from power tools	4A		2M



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19. Waste Management	Infection if handling rubbish, Injury if lifting incorrectly	ЗН		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. ANY STATE OF AT 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

#### **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/legislatide

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis codes-of ractions of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis codes-of-ractions-of-racti

#### **Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 201

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/wo\_place-

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f

#### 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/work\_aces/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.

#### Victoria

Occupational Health al. Safety Act

Occupational Health and Infety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.wsafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-

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tes of actice VIC attps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-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

#### 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





#### SIGNATORIES OF THE SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT

The signed and dated personnel listed below have cooperated in the consultation and development of this Safe Work Method Statement which has been approved by the Person/s Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU). In signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual acknowledges and confirms that they have read this SWMS in full, having raised any questions for items on this Safe Work Method Statement that require clarification, and confirms that they are competent, skilled and knowledgeable for the task assigned to them. Every person acknowledges that they have received the relevant training and qualifications where required, before carrying out any work contained in this Safe Work Method Statement. By signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual agrees to work safely, to follow any safe work instructions which are provided, and agrees to use all Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

Worker Name	Signature	Date

#### SAFE WORK IN THE STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains a fective of must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The view process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU mast ensure that advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a rest of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties and the involved in the work must be provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.

The SWMS must be monitored regularly for the effectiveness of ensuring hazard controls are effective in reducing the risk of incidents, keeping the workplace safe for all personnel. The person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Safe Work Method Statement should employ a multi-faceted approach which includes but is not limited to:

- Spot Checks.
- 2. Consultation with workers, contractors and sub-contractors.
- 3. Internal audits on a continual basis.

An approach of continuous improvement, promptly recording inconsistencies or deficiencies, followed up by immediate corrective action and consultation with all relevant personnel ensures that the PCBU is consistently developing ever-improving systems of safe work principles.

REVIEW NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NAME							
INITIALS							
DATE							

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### SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST

This Safe Work Method Statement Review Checklist is to be followed and used upon initial development of the SWMS to help ensure that all steps have been adequately taken before work commences. Think of this document as an internal audit review checklist before commencing work, and may form part of a Toolbox Talk (safety meeting) and may be used as an opportunity for education and training.

ITEMS WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SWMS	COMPLETED	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.		
All relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.		
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.		
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	7	
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.		
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.		
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.		
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS		
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) column pleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selections		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part the important control measures.		
Permit or licenses requirements specified, sur as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.		
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be us		
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed an inoted on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, and or skills required to perform the work.		
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.		
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.		
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.		
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