



Carrying Out Hazardous Was	ste Audits   SAFE WORK M	ETHOD STATEMENT (SWMS	5)
TASK OR AC	TIVITY: Carrying Out Hazardous	Waste Audits	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E il:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE PCL OF THE ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undo	required to en that a safe work method	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 & MS MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND C THIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched and in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuous each hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must sto, quately. 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:	
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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	

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		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 handling of hazardous waste, Lack of personal protective equipment	ЗН	<ul> <li>Conduct comprehensive training sessions call workers involved in the audit on proper handling techniques and identification of hazardous aste.</li> <li>Ensure that all necessary personal protective are ment (PPE) like gloves, masks, safety glasses, and protective clothing are available and used by all a sonnel.</li> <li>Implement a strict check-in/or ck-out system to no stain a accurate inventory of hazardous waste materials onsite at all times.</li> <li>Establish clear agnage as a labelian protocols call hazardous waste containers to prevent mishandling or misidentification.</li> <li>Develop and to immunitie emergency accedures for dealing with spills, exposures, and other unexing direction as for storage and handling of hazardous waste to minimize cross-contamination with no hazal dous it is.</li> <li>Schedit a regular inspections and maintenance of all equipment and tools used in the handling and discussal in hazardus waste to ensure they are in safe operating condition.</li> <li>Assignatined supervisor to oversee the entire audit process, ensuring adherence to safety accedures and addressing any potential hazards immediately.</li> <li>Use mechanical aids or lifting equipment where possible to minimise manual handling of heavy or awkward waste containers.</li> <li>Mandate thorough decontamination procedures for all equipment and PPE after use to prevent transfer of contaminants.</li> <li>Provide immediate access to first aid kits and facilities, including eye wash stations, in case of accidental exposure or injury.</li> </ul>	2M
2. Site survey for Hazard Identification	Unaware of all hazards present, Trip and fall hazard	3H	<ul> <li>Conduct a comprehensive site induction to inform all personnel of potential hazards.</li> <li>Use a checklist specific to hazardous waste audits to ensure all possible hazards are identified.</li> <li>Equip team members with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety glasses, and steel-capped boots.</li> <li>Designate clear pathways by using cones or barriers to minimise trip and fall hazards.</li> <li>Implement "No-Go" zones in areas identified with high risk during the survey.</li> <li>Make sure all hazardous materials are clearly labelled and stored correctly to prevent accidental exposure.</li> <li>Ensure adequate lighting is available to improve visibility and reduce the risk of trips and falls.</li> <li>Provide training for staff on hazard recognition and appropriate response procedures in case unidentified hazards are discovered.</li> </ul>	2M



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			- Use signs and warning indicators to mark uneven surfaces or other potential trip points.	
			- Assign experienced team members to oversee the identification process, ensuring thoroughness and adherence to safety protocols.	
			- Provide comprehensive training sessions relevant by irdous waste regulations to ensure all team members are well-versed in legal requirement	
			- Develop and distribute clear detailed standard erating procedures (SOP) for conducting hazardous waste audits.	
			- Assign experienced personne lead or mentor les perienced team members during the audit planning process	
			- Conduct record ar refresher ourses regularly updates to keep all staff informed of any legislative changes.	
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Planning audit procedures	Poor understanding of regulations, Lack of experience	2M	- Encourage open rum for team discussions and Q&A sessions to clarify any misunderstandings about refulations.	1L
p. 600 da. 60	5		- 'I'd a rary o sources, such as past audit reports and regulatory guides, easily accessible for team reference.	
			Partner with external experts or consultants when necessary to review plans and offer professional in this.	
			Implement a peer-review process for audit plans to catch any oversight or misinterpretations regarding the regulations.	
			- Use simulation exercises or role-play scenarios to give less experienced team members practical exposure under supervision.	
			- Schedule periodic internal workshops focusing on case studies of past audits, highlighting challenges and solutions.	
			- Establish a clear communication channel with regulatory bodies for guidance on complex regulatory interpretations.	
Gathering necessary	Inadequate or inappropriate tools,			
tools & equipment	Potential injury from tool use	3H		2M



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5. Waste Collection and labelling	Exposure to hazardous materials, Physical injury while handling was	3H		1L
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6. Documenting refuse types & quantities	Inaccurate record-keeping, Misidentification of refuse types	2M		<b>1</b> L
7. Testing samples	Risk of exposure to hazardous waste, Use of incorrect testing methods	ЗН		1L



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Packaging waste for disposal	Risk of chemical exposure, Incorrect packaging methods	2M		1L
disposal	packaging methods	ZIVI		12



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JOB STEP  SPECIFIC WORK STEPS  9. Audit reporting	POTENTIAL HAZARDS  HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE  Lack of comprehensive data, Inaccurate report generation	IR INITIAL RISK	CONTROL MEASURES  SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RR RESIDUAL RISK
10. Disposal site selection	Choose an inappropriate disposal site, Environmentally unfriendly practices	2M		1L



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11. Transporting waste to disposal site	Potential spills in transit, and during transportation	4A		3H



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12. Disposing of waste at site	Risk of pollution, Potential harm to wildlife			2M
13. Documenting disposal processes	Poor record maintenance, Lack of proof of proper disposal	2M		1L



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14. Decontaminating	Chemical residue left on surfaces,	3H		1L
tools, equipment and PPE	Lacking cleaning protocols in place	311		12



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15. Reviewing and updating audit procedures	Inadequate feedback mechanisms, Unreviewed procedures leading to repeat mistakes	2M		1L
16. Post-Audit Reporting	Weaknesses in current procedures overlooked, Errors in reporting	1L		1L



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17. Staff training for future audits	Lack of knowledge transfer, Insufficent preparation for future aut	2M		1L



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18. Final clean up of the site	Recontamination 164, Inadecrestoration of the six	3H		1L



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19. Continuous monitoring and improvement	Overlooking the need for regular monitoring, Lack of continuous improvement efforts	2M		1L
20. Archive documentation for record keeping	Loss of documents, Data security breaches	1L		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/legislative

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis > odes-oi racti

#### **Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 201

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/le

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 at Safety Act 34

Occupational Health and Infety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.wksafe.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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