



Climb Poles Or Towe	rs   SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK	OR ACTIVITY: Climb Poles Or T	owers	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E jil:	
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Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting 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:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	poliance the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS & VMS IN HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COTHIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, comparing those 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 ste, 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	Administrative  Change the work.  Change the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equation). The least effective  Description of Controls: Elimination methods are the most effective and preferrence on the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the life to set engineering the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equation) is the least effective									

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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	Lack of Training, Inadequate PPE	3H	<ul> <li>Conduct thorough and regular training sessors specific to climbing poles or towers for all involved personnel.</li> <li>Ensure all workers have demonstrated compliant on climbing techniques before allowing them to climb.</li> <li>Provide detailed instruction cache correct usage and limit ones of personal protective equipment (PPE).</li> <li>Regularly inspects to the for an altamage or wear alou replace as necessary.</li> <li>Include error ency response training as part one overall safety training program.</li> <li>Ensure all training programs are compliant with Australian Workplace Health and Safety regulations.</li> <li>Utility by certification of approved climbing equipment as per Australian standards.</li> <li>Requise a re-work diefing for each task, reviewing specific hazards and control measures.</li> <li>Establish a nontorship system pairing inexperienced climbers with seasoned veterans.</li> <li>Initial strict an erence to industry standards for risk assessment and management.</li> <li>Offer to sher courses to keep workers' skills up to date and compliant with current safety protocols.</li> <li>Intellment regular audits of both training effectiveness and PPE usage to identify areas for impowement.</li> <li>Develop clear, comprehensive manuals and guidelines that outline every safety precaution and procedure.</li> <li>Encourage an open communication policy where workers can report potential safety issues without fear of reprisal.</li> </ul>	1L
2. Site Assessment	Uneven Ground, Poor Weather Conditions	3H	<ul> <li>Conduct a thorough pre-work site inspection to identify any uneven areas or potential trip hazards on the ground.</li> <li>Develop and implement a site-specific weather monitoring plan, including protocols for pausing work during adverse weather conditions such as high winds, heavy rain, or lightning.</li> <li>Provide comprehensive training for all workers on how to safely navigate uneven ground and operate in various weather conditions.</li> <li>Use ground covers or matting in areas where the ground is uneven or soft to stabilise the surface and prevent slips or trips.</li> <li>Clearly signpost any areas of uneven ground and set up barriers around particularly hazardous spots to prevent access by unauthorised personnel.</li> <li>Ensure that all safety equipment and personal protective gear are weather-appropriate and in good condition to cope with site-specific risks.</li> </ul>	2M



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			- Establish clear communication guidelines for reporting and responding to changes in weather conditions that could impact worker safety or work quality.	
			- Designate a competent safety officer to continual assess risk throughout the job duration, ensuring immediate response to any escalating hazard autions.	
			- Maintain an updated emergency respons a fan tailored potential hazards at the site, including specific plans for evacuation in case of sudden seven yearb	
			- Provide regular safety briefings and updates a cart of daily prostart meetings focusing on current and anticipated weather condition along with their positial imposition.	
			- Equip each team member with personal weather so that include items like water-resistant clothing, non-slip for weather and hard protection designed to minimise risks from both uneven grounds and adverse weather.	
			- Corport pre-unchess on all equipment and tools before commencement of work to identify any faults or dall it is.	
			- Imple en routing naintenance schedule for all climbing equipment and tools, adhering to manufa ure quidely and safety standards.	
			Provide raining or workers on the correct usage and handling of specific climbing tools and equipment, foc. inglessafe operational procedures.	
			Ensure at all equipment is correctly fitted and securely fastened before use to prevent slippage or achment while climbing.	
			- Use only equipment and tools that meet Australian Safety Standards to ensure quality and reliability.	
			- Establish a checkpoint system where a competent person inspects equipment after each use and before it is used by another worker.	
3. Equipment Check	Faulty Equipment, Tools	зн	- Replace any tool or piece of equipment that shows signs of wear or damage immediately, without waiting for scheduled replacements.	1L
			- Maintain clear documentation of equipment histories, including purchase dates, maintenance records, and incident logs.	
			- Provide easy access to user manuals and safety instructions for all equipment and ensure they are kept up-to-date and in compliance with the latest safety regulations.	
			- Equip workers with personal alert devices to report any issues with tools or equipment immediately during operations.	
			- Limit the use of tools and equipment to those trained and authorised to handle them, reducing risks associated with unskilled use.	
			- Perform regular audits on equipment usage practices to identify areas for improvement in safety protocols.	
			- Foster an organisational culture that prioritises safety by encouraging open communication about equipment issues and promoting proactive reporting of potential hazards.	



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4. Climbing Preparation	Inappropriate Footwear, Not Utilising Safety Harness Correctly	ЗН		1L
5. Ascend the Pole/Tower	Exhaustion, Slip and Fall	ЗН		2M



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6. Working at Height	Tools Falling, Power Lin Hazard	4A		2M
7. Descending Pole/Tower	Slip and Fall, Dizziness	3H		2M



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8. De-Assembling Gear	Incorrect Storage, Injury from Heavy Lifting	ЗН		1L



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9. Clean Up Work Area	Tripping on Left Behind Debris, Handling Hazardous Waste Materials	2M		1L



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10. Final Equipment Check	Overlooked Dama es to Equipment Missed Safety Che	2M		1L
11. Review Safety Protocol	Non-reporting of Safety Incidents, Ignoring Safety Procedures	3H		2M



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12. Leave Worksite	Fatigue Related Accidents, Not Signing Out Correctly	2M		1L



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13. Transport to Base	Unsecured Load, Forgue Related Driving Accidents	ЗН		1L
14. Unload & Store Equipment at Base	Improper Manual Handling Techniques, Slips, Trips and Falls in Storage Area	2M		1L



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15. Final Report Submission	Incorrect Record Keeping, Exposure to Confidential Information	2M		1L



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16. Post-Climb Health Check	Overlooking Symptoms of Fatigue, Failure to Address Minor Injuries	2M		1L



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17. Equipment Maintenance & Repair	Inadequate Training Lect Repa Techniques	ЗН		16



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18. Follow-Up Visit to Worksite	Unresolved Safety Issues, Inadequate Job Completion	2M		1 1 1
19. Debriefing Session	Unsafe Suggestions or Unsafe Behaviour is Encouraged, Overlooking Mental Health Concerns	2M		1L



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20. Review and Improve Safety Procedures	Misunderstanding of Procedures, Non- Engagement by Team Members	2M		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: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a> Legislation ACT: <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</a>

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/legislati

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 2011

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 afety gulations 2017

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

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les on actice VI atps://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	

### 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 pupleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selective.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part the important of 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 at noted 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.		
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIE	EWED
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPI	LETED