



Compactor (Vibrating P	late) SAFE WORK METHO	DD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK O	R ACTIVITY: Compactor (Vibrati	ng Plate)	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E ail:	
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 er. sthat 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	roliance the VMS a vell as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS 5 MS M HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NAL OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO THIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheded in accomply 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.			





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-RISK CONSTRUCTOR	ON WO K BEIN O KRIED 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	☐ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integ. ✓ of aucture	☐ 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 — ov 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 tha tunnel involving use of explosives	☐ is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
☐ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	☐ involves diving work.
ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINER	RY OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY



	RISK MATRIX										
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCOBE	ACTION		HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS		
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	SCORE ACTION -	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 befor work starts.		Replace the hazard.		
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.		Isolate 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	ring by isolati		et. 'ive, while	rd. Substitution Administrative effective		Administrative Change the work. PPE		

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		Select the app	ropriate PPL	abo. ~uitab	le or the equip	oment used or	the job task	being perform	ned (if applica	able).	
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	ARING STION	F' CTIO	RL PIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
Other PPE R	dequired:										
	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		2M	 Ensure proper housekeeping and remove operations to reduce trip hazards around the working area. Allocate sufficient space for maneuvering the change plate compactor while in operation, reducing the chances of tripping over obstacles. Clearly mark potential trip hazards or uneven surrous with highly visible warning signs, cones, or barricades. Train employers on safe sactice or handling juipment and carrying out the task, emphasising proper lifting technics and body sechanic. Encocage encryeers use buddy seems when lifting heavy objects or moving the compactor to reduce or risk or seal handling injuries. Provessa quate sonal protective equipment (PPE) like steel-toed boots, gloves, and high-visibility vests to rote emploses from injury due to mishandled equipment or other hazards. Inspect quipment before use to identify any damage, wear or malfunction, ensuring all parts are in good woring color and pose no risk to users. Use meaning aids, such as trolleys or lift-assist devices, whenever possible to move heavy objects of minimise manual handling risks. From and organise the work in advance, identifying suitable resting points for larger compactors when 	1L
			needed to reduce physical strain. - Implement regular breaks and rest periods for workers to prevent fatigue and muscle strains, especially during repetitive or strenuous tasks. - Conduct ongoing monitoring and supervision to ensure that control measures are being followed and maintained, reviewing and adjusting protocols as necessary to ensure maximum safety.	
2. Equipment Inspection	Faulty equipment, electrical hazards	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough visual inspection of the compactor (vibrating plate) before use to identify any obvious defects or damages such as cracks, damaged plates, loose bolts or connectors. Ensure that equipment operators have completed appropriate training for the safe use, inspection and maintenance of vibrating plate compactors, including relevant qualifications or licenses if required. Verify that the compactor's electrical components, such as power cords, switches, and outlets, are intact and free from damage or wear, which could cause electrical hazards. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for daily inspection and maintenance, with records kept for compliance purposes. Confirm that safety guards, labels, warnings, and other protective devices on the compactor are present and functional, providing necessary information and protection for users. Make sure that all moving parts, such as belts and pulleys, are properly tensioned, aligned, and free from damage or debris build-up that may impair their function or create a hazard. 	1L



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			- Test the compactor's emergency stop mechanism to ensure it is functioning correctly, with particular attention given to any electrical connections in the circuit.	
			- Verify that the compactor's vibration settings and currols are calibrated and functioning as intended, minimising risk of excessive vibration-related increase.	
			- Ensure that appropriate personal protection adupment ("E) is provided and worn by workers when operating or inspecting the vibrating plate contactor on as gloves, safety footwear, hearing protection, and goggles or glasses.	
			- Establish a procedure for real riting and docume and any form, hazards, or issues identified during the inspection process, and implement an escalation profession for suring timely repairs or replacements.	
			- Implement a recommendation and schedule for the viorating plate compactor, with inspections conducted by authorised sonnel at a recommended in vals specified by the manufacturer.	
			- Keep the arc surrounding the comp sean, dry and free of clutter, to minimise trip or slip hazards.	
			- Isolating and clear the any faulty or unsafe equipment, immediately removing it from service for repair or replace in the use until it has been appropriately addressed.	
			- Condulath, hugh so inspection to identify any uneven ground or potential tripping hazards before thing up the work area. Address any issues by leveling the ground, filling depressions, or removing observed the practical.	
			Establis learly defined work zones with appropriate barriers and signage to restrict unauthorised ess and warn the public of potential hazards. Consider using temporary fencing or highly visible tape to parate the work area from public spaces.	
			Develop an effective pedestrian management plan, including designated walkways and safe crossing points to minimise interactions between workers, equipment, and the public.	
			- Implement clear communication protocols for workers and site supervisors to ensure workplace health and safety procedures are followed and any hazards are quickly identified and addressed.	
3. Site Setup	Uneven ground, public emosure for ork area	2M	- Provide ongoing training to all workers on proper operating techniques for the vibrating plate compactor, including how to work safely on uneven terrain and the importance of maintaining situational awareness while operating machinery.	1L
			 Regularly inspect and maintain the vibrating plate compactor according to the manufacturer's recommendations, ensuring it is in optimal working condition to reduce the risk of accidents or malfunctions during operation. 	
			 Require workers to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including high-visibility clothing, sturdy footwear with non-slip soles, and necessary hearing protection to mitigate risks associated with working around the vibrating plate compactor. 	
			- Utilise spotters or other trained personnel to ensure clear visual communication between machine operators and other workers, helping to avoid accidents and increase situational awareness on site.	
			 Implement a strict "no-go" zone around the vibrating plate compactor when it is in use, ensuring pedestrians and other workers maintain a safe distance from the machinery to prevent injury from flying debris or accidental contact. 	



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			 Establish a regular schedule for housekeeping and site cleanup to minimise trip hazards, prevent clutter around the machinery, and promote a well-organised work environment that supports safe practices. 	
			- Prepare an emergency response plan, including a gnated first-aid personnel and easy access to medical equipment, to ensure prompt and appropriate management of any workplace incidents that may arise.	
			- Regularly review and assess the effectiven of the control measures, engaging worker feedback and updating procedures as necessary to furth gate risks associated with uneven ground and public exposure to the work area.	
4. Operating Compactor	Vibration injuries, Tuck by object	ЗН		2M



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5. Refueling	Fuel spills, fire haze			1L
6. Maintenance	Contact with hot surfaces, sharp edges	2M		1L



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7. Transporting Compactor	Manual handling injuries, vehicle accidents	ЗН		2M



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8. Loading/Unloading	Falls from height, caught between objects	4A		2M



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9. Clearing and Grading Work Area	Struck by objects, trip hazards	2M		1L



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10. Excavation Works	Cave-ins, contact with utilities	4A		1 3H



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11. Backfilling	Working near heavy equipment, struck by objects	ЗН		2M



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12. Clean Up and Demobilization	Slips, trips, and falls, manual handling injuries	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 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 2025

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-or ract.

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 lation

Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/wor/ 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

Or pational Health a. Safety Act J4

Occational Health and afety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.ksafe.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/legislation

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 Saf 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 N. THE STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains fective of must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are rovised. The view respectively should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors as a sub-intractors 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 must 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 revised SWMS. All workers that will be 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.
- 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							





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.	<u>k</u>	
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.	\boxtimes	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.		
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWM5		
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) colum mpleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selections		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the property of the important property of the impor		
Permit or licenses requirements specified, sur as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.		
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be use		
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, use 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 RE	VIEWED
SIGNATURE	DATE COM	IPLETED