



Document Incidents, Near Misses And Any Hazard Observations | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS) TASK OR ACTIVITY: Document Incidents, Near Misses And Any Hazard Observations **Business Name:** ABN: SWMS# Business Address: Contact Person: Phone: THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PC. YOF THE PROJECT (PC_1) is required to en that a safe work method statement (SWMS) is prepared before Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or under the proposed work starts. Full Name: Title: Date: Signature: Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring pliance VMS arrivell as reviews and modifications of the SWMS. Full Name: Title: Phone: ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS STIMS IN NA 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COMMUNICATED TO IN THE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched and in according with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards. nica those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or conf each hazard. If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must ste 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	

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		Select the app	ropriate PPŁ	abo. auitab	le or 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	Required:										
	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	Trip hazards (cables, equipment), Exposure to harmful substances	2M,	 Conduct a thorough walk-through of the way area to identify and document all potential trip hazards such as cables and equipment. Ensure all cables and cords are neatly organ, offered secured away from walkways using cable covers or tape. Label all harmful substances a early with approprial hazar a warnings and include Safety Data Sheets accessible to all staff. Implement and ective has ekeen or routine to seep walkways clear of equipment and debris at all times. Provest training for each yees on recounsing and reporting trip hazards and harmful substance expose. Use to mposery balances or signs to mark any immediate trip hazards while they are being addressed. Ensure that requate whiting is installed and maintained in all working areas to improve visibility. The pell ergent exits and pathways free of obstacles to ensure safe egress in case of an incident. Apply to slip mats or coatings to potentially slippery surfaces where necessary. Inquip staff with personal protective equipment based on their specific tasks, particularly when handling has full substances. Develop a spill response plan that includes immediate cleaning protocols to reduce exposure risks from hazardous substances. Schedule regular inspections to assess the effectiveness of control measures and update them as needed. Encourage a culture of safety by incentivising proactive hazard reporting among employees. Provide easy access to first aid kits and emergency shower stations in areas where exposure to harmful substances is possible. 	1L, 2M
2. Equipment setup	Improper equipment handling, Electrical hazards	3H, 3H	 Ensure all personnel involved in equipment setup are adequately trained and competent in handling the specific equipment. Conduct a pre-start safety check of all equipment to identify any defects or issues before use. Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and safety boots, during equipment handling. Implement a lockout/tag-out procedure to ensure equipment is de-energised before maintenance or setup adjustments. Position equipment on stable, even surfaces to prevent tipping or accidental movement. 	2M, 2M



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			- Ensure all cables and cords are properly insulated and not frayed, and keep them away from walkways to avoid tripping hazards.	
			- Utilize signs or barriers to delineate the setup are keep unauthorised personnel at a safe distance.	
			- Educate workers on recognising and responsing to potential electrical hazards during equipment setup.	
			- Use tools and lifting aids designed for the so cific type of equipment to prevent manual handling injuries.	
			- Implement an emergency shut-off protocol that a quickly disconnect power in case of an incident.	
			- Review and update risk assessments regularly to corporate any new hazards identified during equipment setup.	
			- Establish a contain and start relises poorting to plate to ensure consistency in documentation.	
			- Provide train for all evolvees on accurately fill out incident reports, emphasising critical informant that set and used accurately fill out incident reports, emphasising critical	
			- Imply the a digit. Incident reporting system to reduce errors caused by illegible handwriting or lost documents.	
			Design to a procific its widual or team responsible for reviewing and verifying the completeness of identity ports a mediately after submission.	
			- Dev. ochecklist to guide employees on the essential details required during the documentation ocess.	
			- courage employees to ask questions if unsure about any aspect of the incident reporting process to prevent miscommunication.	
. Documenting ncidents	Miscommunication (complete documentation	3H, 3H	- Schedule regular audits of past incident reports to identify patterns of incomplete documentation and address training needs.	2M, 1L
			- Use clear, simple language and avoid technical jargon in documentation to minimise the risk of misunderstanding.	
			- Set up a peer review system where knowledgeable colleagues can review incidents documented by others to catch potential errors.	
			- Create a confidential feedback mechanism allowing employees to point out issues or suggest improvements in the reporting process without fear of retaliation.	
			- Reinforce the importance of prompt documentation so vital details are less likely to be forgotten or overlooked.	
			- Introduce role-specific training sessions that address common hazards and reporting issues related to specific job functions.	
			- Regularly update training materials and documentation templates to reflect changes in workplace practices, regulations, or lessons learned from previous incidents.	
. Near Misses	Incomplete information, Incorrect evaluation	3H, 3H		2M, 2M



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5. Hazard Identifications	Exposure to dangerous environment, Overlooking key indicators	3H, 4A		2M, 2M



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6. Data Input	Repetitive strain injury, Visual fation	2M, 2M		1L, 1L



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7. Report Generation	Data loss or corruption, Misinterpretation of data	3H, 2M		2M, 1L
8. Review & Amend Reports	Inadequate information, Misinterpretation of findings	2M, 3H		1L, 2M



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9. Communicate Findings	Mitigating risk inactivately communicated, Confidentiality breach	3H, 2M		1L, 1L
10. Implement Preventive Measures	Non-compliance, Ineffective measures	4A, 4A		3H, 3H



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11. Monitor Implementation	Failure to recognise non-compliance, Failure to rectify in a timely manner	3Н, 3Н		■ 2M, 1L



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12. Emergency Procedure Training	Improper procedure anding, Injury during simulation	дн, 2м		2M, 1L



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SPECIFIC WORK STEPS 13. Regular Update Training	Inadequate knowledge transfer, Non compliance with training schedule	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK
14. Safety Audits	Overlooking non-compliance, Inadequate corrective measures	4A, 3H		3H, 2M



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15. Final Report & Recommendations	Omission of critical analysis, Incomplete recommendation	3H, 4A		2M, 3H



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16. Record Retention	Loss of records, Unauthorized access	4A, 3H		3H, 2M
17. Closure and Review	Inadequate completion verification, Overlooking post-closure requirements	3H, 3H		2M, 2M



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8. Continuous nprovement	Resistance to charle, Poor	3H, 3H		2M, 2M
9. Re-Evaluation of	Incomplete reassessment, Overlooking	4A, 3H		3H, 2M



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20. Future planning	Not considering future risks, Insufficient contingency planning	3H, 4A		2M, 3H



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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 > odes-oi 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 affety gulations 2017

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

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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.		
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIEWE	D
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