

Exchange Gas Cylinders In Cu	tting Torch SAFE WORK	METHOD STATEMENT (SWM	IS)
TASK OR ACTI	VITY: Exchange Gas Cylinders I	n Cutting Torch	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E fil:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPRO		
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.		required to en the that a safe work method s	tatement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:	NK	Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	ppliance i the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS MAN HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NALE OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO THIS SWMS	DMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ad in account with regislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, such a company hica those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or contract each hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop an attactive 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 CONSTRUC						
☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters	I 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. Y of a sucture	\square 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 terminary supart 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	\Box 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.					
☐ 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	SCORE			HEIRARCHY 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 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 k⊾ records		Engineering Isolate the hazard.	

	PERS_VAL N_TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)										
	Select the appropriate PPL above suitably for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).										
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION		P ECTION	R⊾ ⇒PIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
Other PPE Required:											
	Permit or Licenses Requirements Mandatory Qualifications and Training										

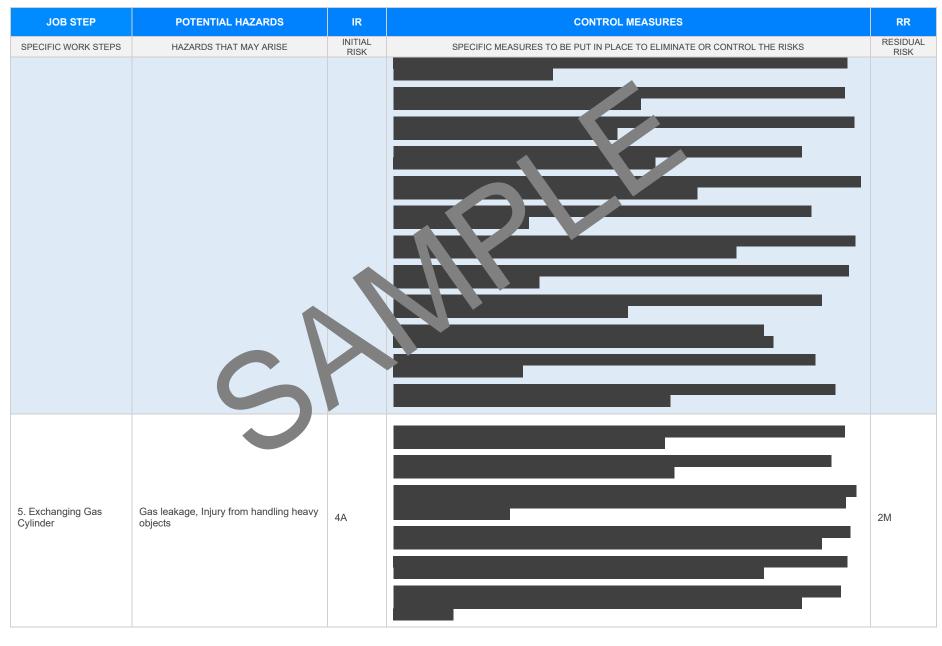


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SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK
1. Preparation	Incorrect equipment, Lack of training	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough risk assessment before arting the task to identify potential hazards related to incorrect equipment and lack of training. Ensure all employees involved have complete to opriate training and hold the necessary certifications for handling gas cylinders and operating cutting othes. Provide detailed procedures of manuals for the originate arging of gas cylinders to all relevant personnel. Verify that all papment, toluding egulators of the originate the main of the provide detailed procedures with the pointents and ensure they match the required specifications for the task. Clear label as a consider with the pointents and ensure they match the required specifications for the task. Equiption of the specific to the task. Stability a demated area for cylinder exchange that is well-ventilated, free from ignition sources, and contents and repervises the activity of less experienced are sourcing the gas cylinder exchange. Negularly conduct toolbox talks focusing on the risks associated with incorrect equipment use and amphasising the importance of proper training. Estabilish clear communication protocols to report any malfunctioning equipment immediately to prevent its use until repairs or replacements are made. Post clear signage indicating safety procedures, emergency contacts, and first-aid stations in the work area. Schedule regular inspections and maintenance checks for all equipment to ensure reliability and safety compliance. Limit access to the gas storage and exchange areas to authorised and adequately trained personnel only. Develop and practice emergency response procedures specifically for incidents involving gas cylinders and cutting operations. 	2M
2. Pre-use Inspection	Faulty gas cylinders, Undetected leaks	4A	 Conduct a visual inspection of gas cylinders for any signs of damage, such as dents, rust, or missing labels, prior to use. Ensure all valves and regulators are securely attached and in good condition, free from cracks or visible wear. Use soapy water or a commercial leak detection solution to check connections and hoses for leaks; bubbles will indicate the presence of a leak. 	2M

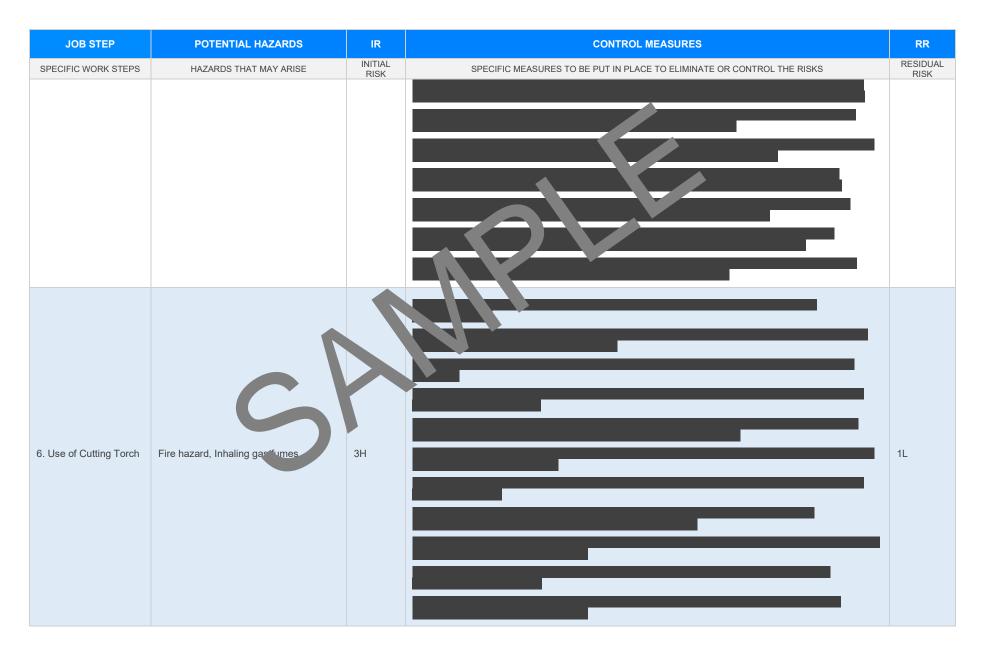


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			- Verify that safety caps are in place on cylinders when not connected to equipment, to prevent accidental discharge.	
			- Confirm the pressure gauge readings are within the safe range specified by the manufacturer guidelines before proceeding.	
			- Ensure the area is well-ventilated to display any potential gas accumulation during inspections, reducing the risk of inhalation.	
			- Utilise proper personal protective equipment (i.e.,), such as sofety glasses and gloves, during the inspection process to protect mainst unexpected vards.	
			- Inspect the condition and explosion date of fire extra enters located nearby to ensure they are operational in case of entering of the second secon	
			- Keep flammente materials and ignine source at a safe distance from the inspection area to minimise fire risk.	
			- Trainer sonner the recognition of damaged cylinder conditions and proper response actions if faults or leas a soldetect	
			- Maint in a set or chargest documenting each inspection, including findings and corrective actions taken, to track glino condition over time.	
			- Ens. (a) connections are secure and tight before beginning work to prevent leaks.	
			se only approved tools specifically designed for handling gas cylinders and connections.	
			- Fixed training for workers on the correct methods for setting up equipment to prevent misuse.	
			 Inspect all hoses, regulators, and valves for signs of damage or wear before use. 	
			- Ensure that flashback arrestors and non-return valves are installed correctly on the torch and regulator.	
			- Use leak detection fluid to test connections and joints after they have been tightened.	
			- Keep cylinders upright and secure them properly to prevent accidental tipping or falling.	
. Setting Up	Improper connections, Nucleools	ЗН	- Implement a regular maintenance schedule for all equipment involved in the setup process.	2M
5 -1			- Maintain clear access to the shut-off valves for quick action in an emergency.	
			- Post clear signage indicating areas where gas cylinder exchange is taking place.	
			- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and goggles for operating personnel.	
			- Verify that the gas cylinders are compatible with the cutting torch equipment being used.	
			- Educate workers on the hazards related to improper connection and encourage reporting of damaged equipment.	
			- Designate a safe zone that is free from any ignition sources when exchanging and setting up gas cylinders.	
4. Lighting Up	Gas leakage, Inadequate ventilation	4A		2M

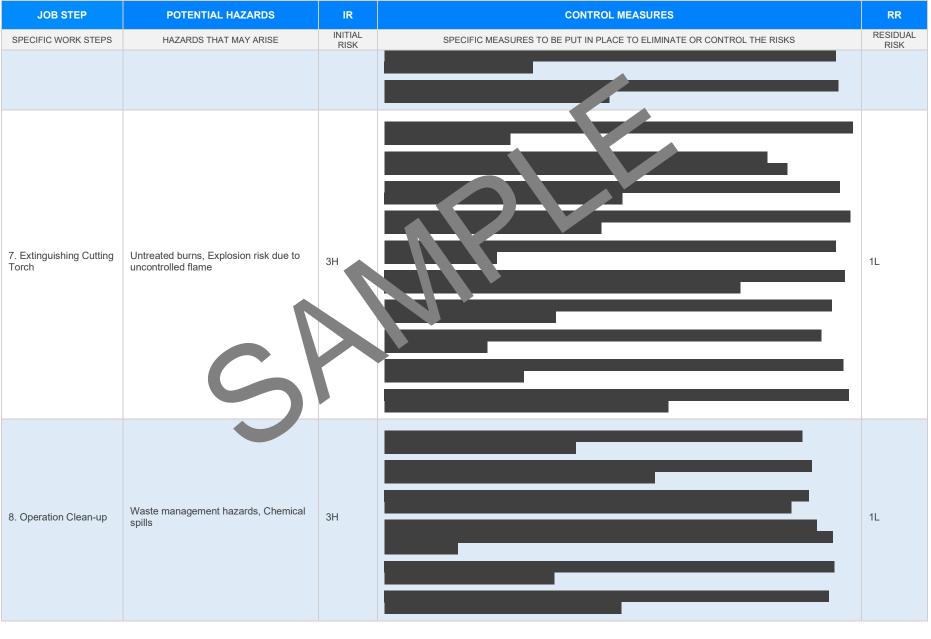










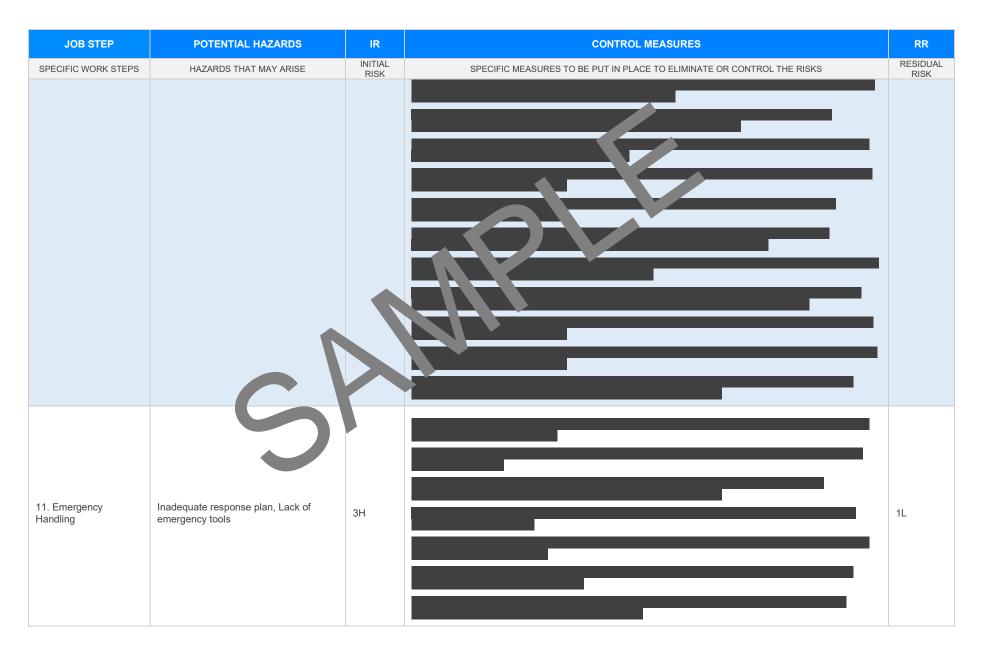




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Post Operation	Ignoring maintena e. Overlooking			
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). Storing Equipment	Gas leakage, Incorrect storage	3H		2M

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12. Maintenance	Negligence of regular checks Inadequate cleaning and write			2M
13. Reviewing SWMS	Outdated SWMS, Neglecting legal requirements	4A		2M

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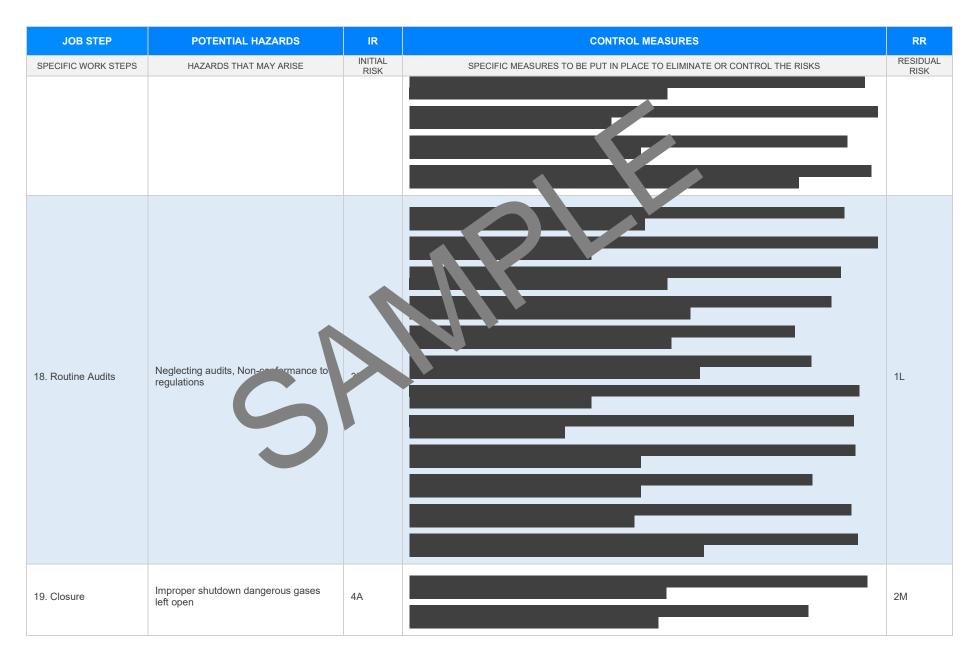


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15. Monitoring and Revision	Insufficient monitoring, Non-revision inadequate measures	4A		2M



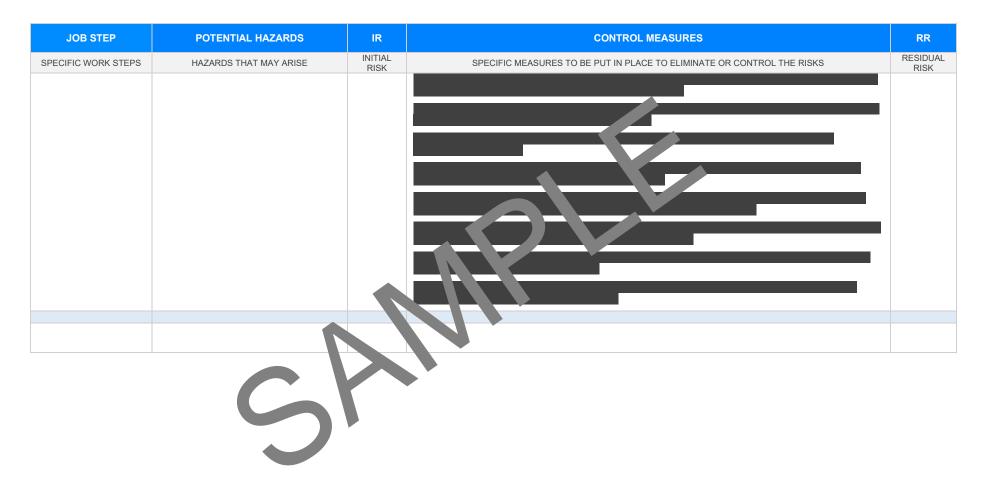
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16. Incident Reporting	Poor reporting methods, Inaccurate data	3Н		2M
17. Corrective Actions	Delayed actions, Inadequate action plan	4A		2M





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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 REF	ERENCES						
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: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</u> Codes of Practice QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Legislation ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</u> Codes of Practice ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u>	Victoria Occupational Health at Safety Act and Occupational Health and Safety Act and Occupational Health and Safety Safe						
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 rach. Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislati-codes-or rach.	Western Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2020 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022 Legislation Western Australia: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</u> Codes of Practice WA: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice</u>						
Northern Territory Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2015 Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/weiplace-super-laws Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/formed-resourcestorestorestorestorestorestorestorestor	Safe Work Australia Links Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u> Model Codes of Practice: <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-</u> <u>codes-of-practice</u> Model Codes of Practice						
South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA) Legislation for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation</u> Codes of Practice for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs</u>	 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 						
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 Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012 Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	 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 cafety consultation, construction and coordination 						
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.	 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 gualifications 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 N THE ST ATEM ANT MONITORING AND REVIEW

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

d must reviewed (and viewn should be carried out in hav be sted by the operation

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU must ensure that persons involved with the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can acces he revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a region of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties antly with 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:

- 1. 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							



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.			
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.	\boxtimes		
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS	\boxtimes		
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) column mpleted.	\boxtimes		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selections	\boxtimes		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the property of the importation control measures.	\boxtimes		
Permit or licenses requirements specified, su as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.	\boxtimes		
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be use	\boxtimes		
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed reproduction on the SWMS.	\boxtimes		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, and g or skills required to perform the work.	\boxtimes		
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.	\boxtimes		
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	\boxtimes		
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	\boxtimes		
REVIEWED BY		/IEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		