



Floor Sander S	AFE WORK METHOD STAT	TEMENT (SWMS)	
-	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Floor Sande	r	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E il:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROX D BY	THE PC. 'OF TP' ROJECT	
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:	NY	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 & MS MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNE 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	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	

				PERS		TIVE EQUIPM					
		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	Trip hazards, Electrical hazards	2M	- Conduct a thorough risk assessment and it outify potential trip and electrical hazards in the designated work area prior to beginning any work. - Clear the workspace of all debris, objects or a Maria that may cause obstructions, impede movement or contribute to trip hazards during the sanding process. - Install appropriate signage to form employees as a visitor about the presence of trip hazards, electrical hazards, and restricts to coss a has throughout the visitor of floor sanding activities. - Train workers a safe op action a chandling resedures for floor sanders, including proper use of personal processes are subjected to the process and goggles as necessary. - Utility word managem a solutions like able covers, reels, or organizers to minimise the risk of entar or or trip, a ver electrical cords during the sanding process. - Regularly aspect a strical cables and floor sander for wear and tear or potential damage that may pose an electical vard, an ensure prompt repair or replacement when needed. - Implement local tragout procedures as necessary to control the energy source of floor sanders when no suse or durin, maintenance/repairs. - Ensure a electrical equipment, including the floor sander and extension cords, is properly grounded and utilarly tested for compliance with relevant safety standards. - Exablish clear communication channels between team members, promoting teamwork and vigilance to promptly address any emerging concerns throughout the floor sanding process. - Develop an emergency action plan and provide workers with guidance on responding to potential emergencies, such as accidental contact with live wiring, slips or falls, and other incidents resulting from trip or electrical hazards. - Monitor and conduct regular audits of work practices and adherence to control measures to ensure ongoing compliance and effectiveness in managing identified hazards, and adjust as needed based on evolving conditions or newly identified risks.	1L
2. Setup	Incorrect equipment setup, Heat exposure	2M	 Proper Equipment Setup: Ensure that the floor sander and all associated equipment are set up correctly according to the manufacturer's recommendations and guidelines to prevent accidents caused by incorrect setup. Heat Exposure Prevention: If working in hot environments, schedule work periods with necessary breaks or during cooler times of the day to avoid excessive heat exposure. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Provide and utilise appropriate PPE, including anti-vibration gloves, safety goggles, and hearing protection when operating a floor sander to reduce the risk of injury due to equipment malfunction or excessive exposure to noise and vibrations. Employee Training: All staff should be thoroughly trained in the correct use and operation of the floor sander, as well as proper maintenance procedures to help prevent incorrect equipment setup and related incidents. 	1L



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			 Ventilation and Air Filtration: Make sure there is sufficient ventilation and air filtration in the workspace to prevent excessive buildup of dust and other particulates, which can contribute to heat exposure hazards. 	
			- Regular Inspection of Equipment: Conduct regular aspections of the floor sander and its components for wear and damage, replacing any parts as necessary to maintain proper functioning and prevent malfunctions due to an incorrect setup.	
			- Emergency Response Plan: Develop and in tement of emergency response plan that addresses potential incidents related to the identified haza and characteristic and the identified haza are familiar with these plans.	
			- Ongoing Communication: Magain open communication aween management and employees about workplace health and the typical typical equipment seture seat explained, but he job-related hazards.	
			- Workspace ganisation et up a gign area for the floor sander and all related equipment, maintaining a ter-free vironment event trip and fall hazards that could further exacerbate the risk decry from concern equipment setup or heat exposure.	
			- Safe Domenton and Recordkeeping: Maintain detailed, accurate records of all equipment inspections, courage essents, training sessions, and incident reports to identify trends and areas for improve entrancerning floor sander operation and heat exposure prevention.	
	ſ		- Programming: Ensure that all workers operating the floor sander are provided with adequate training and instantion on using the equipment safely and efficiently.	
			- e of PPE: Workers should be equipped with personal protective equipment, including dust masks or disposable respirators, hearing protection, safety glasses or goggles, and gloves to prevent exposure to excessive dust, noise, and vibration.	
			- Dust-free sanding equipment: Where possible, use floor sanders with integrated dust extraction systems or attach a compatible vacuum system to minimise airborne dust.	
			- Good Housekeeping: Frequently clean work areas during the sanding process to keep the area free from a buildup of sawdust and debris.	
3. Sanding	Excessive dust exposure, vibration hazards	3H	- Adequate Ventilation: Ensure that the work area is well-ventilated to disperse dust particles and reduce the risk of respiratory irritation.	2M
			- Well-maintained Equipment: Perform regular maintenance checks on the floor sanding equipment to ensure it is functioning correctly and minimise any potential hazards.	
			- Isolation of Work Area: Restrict access to the immediate work area to essential personnel only, preventing unnecessary exposure to dust, noise, and vibration hazards.	
			- Rotation of Tasks: Rotate workers between tasks or assign periodic breaks to minimise exposure to prolonged noise and vibration.	
			- Anti-vibration Handles: Utilise floor sanders with anti-vibration handles to reduce the impact of vibration on the operator's hands and arms.	
			- Noise Barriers: Install temporary noise barriers around the work area to help reduce noise levels and protect nearby workers from excessive noise exposure.	



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			- Equipment Selection: Choose floor sanders with lower vibration and noise emissions where possible to minimise those hazards.	
			- Communication Signage: Post clear signs and wrongs near the work area, informing workers and site visitors about the dangers present and necessions after the work area, informing workers and site visitors about the dangers present and necessions.	
			- Regular Health Checks: Encourage work to report are health issues or concerns related to dust exposure, hearing damage, or problems related to vibration exposure.	
			- Site-specific Risk Assessment: Before starting and, perform a horough site-specific risk assessment and adjust control measures coordingly, as need to address the unique hazards presented by each work site.	
4. Edging	Manual handling it tries, Rotating equipment entang ment	ЗН		2M



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5. Room Corners	Slips, falls, and improver posture	_IVI		I 1L
6. Vacuuming	Tripping due to cords, Airborne contaminants	2M		1L



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7. Filling	Chemical exposure, Fire hazard	3H		2M



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8. Buffering	Rough surface injury, Falling objects	2M		1L



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9. Sealing	Inhalation of fumes, Slips on wet surfaces	3H		2M
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10. Drying	Improper air circulation, Tripping hazards	2M		1L



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11. Inspection	Ergonomic hazards, Inachquate Proving	2M		1L



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12. Clean up	Sharp or protruding objects, Manual handling injuries			1L



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 codes-of ractions of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis codes-of-ractions-of-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/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

Occupational Health al. Safety Act

Occupational Health and affety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.wsafe.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 pulleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selectives		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part the important part ation 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 a noted on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, 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 REVIEW	WED
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLI	ETED