



Forklift (Electric)	SAFE WORK METHOD ST	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
TA	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Forklift (Elect	ric)	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E 111:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPRO\\\O\D BY	THE PC. OF THE ROJECT	
			Actor and (OMMO) is assumed by force
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or under the (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	apliance 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 PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO	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	Improper PPE, Lack of operator training	2M	- Ensure that all workers operating a forklift in the completed relevant training and hold appropriate licenses, including training in battery charge procedure of electric forklifts. - Regularly provide refresher courses and add on the raining as required to keep operators up-to-date with best practices and changes in regulations relate to forklift operation. - Conduct pre-shift safety bries as to communicate the importance of proper PPE usage, safe work practices, and any sendishazar present in the worker. - Provide person protection equipment (PPE) at able for the forklift tasks being performed, such as safety glove a teel-toed by shigh hiblith casts, and safety glasses as required. - Important are inforce policy requires all personnel to wear appropriate PPE in the forklift operating areas as It times. - Conduct shullar shippering a session of the forklift operation and storage, clearly marked with appropriate warming signs. - Establity and pintain designated areas for forklift operation and storage, clearly marked with appropriate warming signs. - Implement an effective maintenance programme for all forklifts, including routine inspections and timely agains to reduce the risk of equipment malfunction. - Busine that electric forklift charging stations are set up correctly, well-ventilated, equipped with emergency eyewash stations, and maintained by qualified personnel. - Implement a system for clear communication between forklift operators and other personnel in the vicinity, such as the use of horns, signal lights, or designated spotters. - Develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) for forklift operation, addressing hazards like speed limits, load capacities, and proper stacking techniques. - Promote a culture of accountability and safety through management leadership, encouraging staff to report near misses, unsafe work practices, and any concerns regarding potential hazards. - Regularly review and update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) for electric forklift operations, e	1L
2. Pre-start	Forklift malfunction, Obstructed view	2M	 Conduct daily pre-start inspections: Check and verify that all forklift components, including the brakes, steering, controls, and safety devices, are in proper working condition before operation. Ensure all forklift operators have appropriate training and certifications: Only allow workers with adequate experience, competency, and necessary licenses to operate electric forklifts. Develop a clear traffic management plan: Establish designated routes and separate pedestrian walkways in the workplace to minimise the risk of collisions and other incidents related to obstructed views. 	1L



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			- Remove visible obstructions from the work area: Keep the work environment clean and orderly by clearing away any unnecessary objects or clutter that could impair visibility for the forklift operator.	
			- Utilise designated spotters when necessary: Emren trained individuals to assist the forklift operator in maneuvering the machine safely, especially during challenging or risky situations.	
			- Encourage routine communication between workers: Project the use of hand signals, two-way radios, or other communication methods to ensure to all encoyees are aware of the forklift's location and intended movements.	
			- Install mirrors and cameras forklifts: Enhance sibility for the operator with the aid of strategically placed mirrors and/or camera tems that grant a surroundings.	
			- Implement records forklift printers are scheduled. Routinely inspect, repair, and replace faulty or worn-out componed as needed prevent half wons.	
			- Programmadequate lighting in the works, ace: Make sure there is sufficient illumination in the work area to enable to forklift autor to see potential obstacles and navigate safely.	
			- Requision rators should the horn at intersections or blind spots: Emphasise the importance of using sounds in all their appears with obstructed views to alert other workers and avoid accidents.	
			rain en ployer on emergency procedures and response plans: Familiarise all staff members with the stern to the eight to the procedure of a forklift malfunction or other workplace emergencies, such as evacuations and her	
			valuate and revise existing policies on an ongoing basis: Regularly review and update workplace health are afety protocols to ensure maximum effectiveness in minimising hazards associated with electric forklift operation.	
			- Prior to any operation, conduct a thorough inspection of the work area to clearly identify potential hazards related to inadequate signage and slips and trips.	
			- Install clearly visible warning signs at all entry and exit points for designated forklift zones to inform pedestrians and other workers about the presence of forklift operations in the area.	
			- Utilise high-visibility and reflective marking tape to clearly designate forklift travel paths within the facility, ensuring they are easy to follow for both operators and pedestrians.	
3. Zone marking	Inadequate signage, Slips and trips	2M	- Make sure that all employees receive proper training on recognizing and understanding the purpose of the established markings and signage, along with their responsibilities to adhere to them.	1L
3			- Regularly clean and maintain floors and surfaces within the marked zones to minimise the risk of slips and trips due to dirt or debris buildup.	
			- Conduct periodic audits to assess the effectiveness of the implemented control measures and make any necessary adjustments to improve their efficacy.	
			- In low-light situations or areas without adequate lighting, establish supplementary portable lighting solutions to increase visibility of marked zones and signage for all workers.	
			- Clearly mark steps, slopes and changes in level within the forklift-operating zone to reduce slip and trip hazards.	



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			- Keep walkways and thoroughfares clear from obstructions that could create additional slip and trip hazards or obstruct access for the forklift.	
			- Implement a process for quickly addressing spills set patches, and moisture build-up to mitigate the risk of slips within marked forklift zones.	
			- Encourage open communication between tklift operat and nearby personnel, encouraging both parties to remain aware of each other's move entsocratininimising the risks associated with inadequate signage.	
			- Ensure that all staff wear an opriate personal practive ensurement (PPE) when working around forklifts, such as non-slip foother, to further reductive ensurement (PPE) when working around	
			- Regularly review to a character than WMS for electric terklift usage to incorporate any new hazards, risks or control meanings identify a during ingoing was place assessments.	
4. Load lifting	Unstable load, Overloading	ЗН		2M



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5. Manoeuvring	Collisions, Pedestrian mury	ЗН		2M



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6. Stacking	Load instability, Tip-	ЗН		2M



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7. Charging	Electrical hazard, Lattered ago	2M		1L



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8. Unloading	Dropped load, Pinch points	ЗН		2M
9. Inspection	Missed damage, Defective equipment	2M		1L



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10. Parking	Unauthorised access, Poor visibility	2M		1L



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11. Maintenance	Caught in machinery, Electrical hazards	3H		l 1L



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12. Shut down	Unintended movement, Traffic interference	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: 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/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 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/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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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/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 ppleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selectives		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the property the improvement 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 noted on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, and g 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.		
dentifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.		
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETE	D