



Front End Loader	SAFE WORK METHOD ST	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
TA	SK OR ACTIVITY: Front End Loa	der	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E jil:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE PC. OF THE ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting 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:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	opliance the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS & VMS IN HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NAL 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COTHIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched and in account with a gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuous 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.			





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



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 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	Slips, trips, and falls, Uneven ground	2M	 Conduct a thorough inspection of the work use to identify any potential hazards, such as uneven ground, wet surfaces or obstacles that may cluse slips and, and falls. Clearly mark designated paths, walkways, an accordaries within the work area to ensure personnel maintain a safe distance from Front End Loader cerations. Implement appropriate house seping practices, including agular cleaning and maintenance schedules to keep the area free for adebra spills or other pote to drip hazards. Provide proper curety get such as steel-toed bots and high-visibility vests for all workers in the area to ensure aded to e protection and visits of during front End Loader operations. Creana Site offic Mougement Planata outlines the movements of vehicles, equipment, and person within a bork area, helping to reduce congestion and decrease the risk of collisions that could result uses, trips and falls. Ensure adds to ate lighting is available for early mornings, late evenings, or night-time work, so employees have clerowish ty of their surroundings and can identify any potential hazards easily. Noticle ainings or all personnel on proper lifting techniques, body mechanics, and balance when working a und Front End Loaders, helping them avoid unnecessary injuries related to slips, trips, and lis. Ital temporary ramps, matting, or other temporary solutions to address uneven ground issues, creating a flatter surface for workers and reducing the risk of trips or falls. Establish emergency procedures and first aid measures in case of accidents involving slips, trips, or falls. Establish emergency procedures and first aid measures in case of accidents involving slips, trips, or falls. Regularly communicate with employees on the importance of maintaining a safe work environment by addressing any concerns, reporting incidents, and reviewing safety protocols to mitigate risks related to slips, trips, and falls during Front End Loader operations	1L
2. Pre-operation checks	Hydraulic leaks, Loose parts	2M	 Conduct a comprehensive pre-operation inspection before operating the front end loader to identify any potential hydraulic leaks or loose parts that may pose hazards. Report any issues found immediately. Ensure that all equipment and machinery are regularly maintained by qualified technicians, with a focus on checking for hydraulic system integrity and proper securing of parts. Establish clear communication between the operator and other personnel in the work area to coordinate safe operations and alert them to any possible hazard. Implement necessary lockout/tagout procedures when addressing hydraulic leaks or loose parts to isolate the equipment from its energy source during maintenance and repair. Equip operators with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety goggles, and steel-toed boots to protect against potential hazards related to hydraulic leaks or loose parts. 	1L



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			- Train operators on proper handling, detection, and procedures when encountering hydraulic leaks or loose parts, including knowing which signs to look for and the steps to take should an issue arise.	
			- Enforce strict compliance to manufacturer's guide the sand recommendations when operating and maintaining the front end loader to minimise right malfunction or damage to critical components.	
			- Employ proper spill containment measure, such as drive ans or absorbent materials, underneath hydraulic systems to prevent contamination a slip beards resulting from leaks.	
			- Designate specific areas for storing and disposer of used hydroulic fluid, ensuring these areas are well-ventilated, free of ignition socres, and compliant the relevation of the relevation o	
			- Utilise ground personnel, along with appropriate signer, parriers or exclusion zones, to help guide the operator away from the last of the during operation of the front end loader.	
			- Establish a cecklist for or rators follow performing pre-operation checks, ensuring that they thoroughly insect the mannery for contents, or improperly secured parts.	
			- Organ routing and meetings with staff involved in daily operations to discuss preventive actions, refres to under inding of hazards related to hydraulic leaks and loose parts, keep abreast on industry update or larges standards and regulations, and foster open communication about safety concerns.	
			- Document an investigate hydraulic leaks or loose part incidents to identify root causes and corrective pasure supporting continuous improvement within the organisation's health and safety practices.	
		'	Clearly ark designated pedestrian pathways and work zones to prevent unauthorised personnel from gring the area where Front End Loader is operating.	
			- Implement a comprehensive communication system (such as radios, signals, or hand gestures) for operators and ground staff to ensure everyone is aware of the Front End Loader's movements and positioning during operation.	
			- Conduct regular equipment inspections and maintenance checks to ensure the Front End Loader is in optimal working condition, minimising the risk of mechanical failure and eliminating potential hazards.	
			- Provide proper training and certification for all Front End Loader operators to guarantee their competency in maneuvering and operating the equipment safely and efficiently.	
Operating Front End Loader	Collision with pedestrians, Overturning	3H	- Establish a maximum safe speed limit for Front End Loader operations, reducing the likelihood of collisions with pedestrians or other objects.	2M
			- Utilise spotters or flaggers to assist the operator in navigating tight spaces, ensuring they are adhering to the designated work zone and maintaining awareness of any possible obstructions or hazards.	
			- Implement a rollover protection system (ROPS) on the Front End Loader to minimise the risk of overturning and protect the operator in case of an incident.	
			- In the event of poor visibility or adverse weather conditions, suspend operation of the Front End Loader or take necessary precautions to ensure safety, such as using additional lighting or limiting activities to lower-risk tasks.	
			- Outline a procedure for loading and unloading materials to ensure the operator maintains stability, load balance, and safe travelling distances while using the Front End Loader, reducing the risk of overturning.	



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			- Encourage a safety-first culture within the workplace by holding regular safety briefings, providing ongoing education, and incentivizing safe behaviour among employees, emphasising the importance of following established safety procedures when operating heavy machinery like the Front End Loader.	
4. Material handling	Falling material, Overl	2		2M



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5. Accessing high areas	Falls from height, Impact incidents	***		1L
6. Vehicle movement	Vehicle collision, Reversing incidents	3H		2M



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7. Load transportation	Unsecured load, Brake failure	3H		1L



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8. Unloading materials	Struck by moving objects, Falling materials	2M		1L



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9. Refuelling	Leaks, Fires or explosions	2M		1L



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10. Regular maintenance	Crushing injuries, Electrical hazards	2M		1L



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11. End of shift inspection	Falls from height, Fatigue-related hazards	2M		1L



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12. Emergency response	Inadequate escape routes. Delayor emergency assistance	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

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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/legislations/

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/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

 $Legislation \ for \ TAS: \ \underline{https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations}$

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 at Safety Act 34

Occupational Health and Infety gulations 2017

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

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les on actice VI atps://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.
- 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.		
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 selective.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the property of the important 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 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 REVIEWE	D
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETE	ED