



Hand Arm Vibration Expo	osure SAFE WORK METH	OD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK OF	R ACTIVITY: Hand Arm Vibration	Exposure	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E 111:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE PCL OF THE ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or under o (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	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 MIS MIS MIS MIS MIS MIS MIS MIS MIS M	NA, ¿ 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 accomply with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuate hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must sto, 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	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 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 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	otes on Hierarchy of Controls: Elimination methods are the most effective and preferrence on the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the interpost entire to see the five, while Administrative ontrols by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equament) whe least effective								

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		Select the app	propriate PPL	abo√ ≃uitab	ic 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	R PIRATORY 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	Improper use of equipment, Insufficient training	3H	 Conduct thorough training sessions focus on the safe use and handling of equipment to minimise improper use risks. Develop a comprehensive induction program, and wemployees that includes hand-arm vibration awareness. Supply easy-to-understand in function manuals are quick alongside all equipment, highlighting proper usage techniques. Implement a consider that any solutile to ensure existing staff retain good practice knowledge about equipment use. Display clear, hible shall sand posters around the workplace promoting safe equipment practices and vibration sks. Proving pursonal purective equipment (PPE) like anti-vibration gloves where appropriate to reduce exposu. Refform regular assessments and audits to ensure all staff follow safe handling procedures. Assurage a culture of safety by reporting improper use or insufficient training concerns to supervisors in rediately. Schedule frequent training updates emphasising advancements in technology and safer equipment handling methods. Collaborate with HR to keep an accurate log of employee training records, ensuring no one is overlooked in retraining cycles. Limit the duration of exposure to vibrating equipment through job rotation to reduce long-term risk. 	2M
2. Equipment Check	Faulty or defective tools, Injuries from unexpected machine start	3H	 Conduct pre-operational equipment checks to identify any signs of wear and tear. Ensure all tools and machinery are regularly serviced and maintained according to manufacturer specifications. Implement a tagging system to easily identify and remove faulty or defective tools from service. Provide training for workers on recognising signs of equipment failure or faults. Ensure that all safety guards and protective devices are in place and functioning properly before use. Utilize lockout/tagout procedures to prevent unexpected machine start during maintenance or inspection. Supervise tool and equipment usage to ensure compliance with safety protocols. Instruct employees to report any unusual vibrations, noises, or malfunctions immediately. Use vibration-dampening handles and anti-vibration gloves where appropriate. 	1L



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			- Assign specific personnel responsible for conducting routine inspections and maintenance.	
			- Develop a reporting mechanism for promptly addressing safety concerns related to equipment condition.	
			- Limit operating time of vibrating tools by rotating lasks among workers to minimize exposure duration.	
			- Maintain records of equipment inspection and repairs to ensure ongoing compliance and safety.	
3. Warm-Up Exercises	Muscle strain, Lack of concentration due to mundane activity	2M	 Encourage participation in daily warm-up execute through team meetings and communications to stress the importance of this deventive measure Implement a structured warm, a routine at the start of control shift, incorporating both general and task-specific exercises for an on recenting muscle strain. Rotate tasks along team pembers to reduce a petitive strain on specific muscle groups, helping to prevent fatige and related juries. Use that along the loss around the workplace to remind workers of the correct techniques for perfor the warm-coxercises safely. Monit was ers' performance of warm-up exercises to ensure they are conducted correctly, and provide feedbact or corrective bidance as necessary. Shedu regular breaks throughout the workday to allow muscles time to recover, mitigating fatigue-related that airds. Integrate hindfulness or concentration-enhancing practices into the warm-up routine to improve focus and reduce the risk of accidents due to lack of concentration. Use ergonomic assessments to identify high-risk activities that may lead to muscle strain, adjusting warm-up routines accordingly. Provide training sessions with a physical therapist or fitness professional to guide workers on effective injury-prevention exercises. Develop an employee-led warm-up champion system where designated workers lead daily exercises, enhancing engagement and accountability. 	1L
			- Track and record warm-up compliance and any reported injuries to evaluate the effectiveness of current practices, making data-informed adjustments when necessary.	
4. Work Start	Mishandling of high vibration tools, Dropping tools causing foot injuries	зн		2M



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5. Regular Breaks	Fatigue leading to accidents, nabituation to signals (warnings) due to overexposure	3H		1L
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6. Tool Maintenance	Unexpected tool failure, Injury due to poor maintenance practices	4A		2M
7. Safety Gear Inspection	Wear and tear reducing gear effectiveness, Absence of needed safety gear	ЗН		1L



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8. End of Shift Wrap Up	Neglected clean up resulting in accidents, Overlooked tool storage leading to damage	2M		1L
9. Training Sessions	Inefficient handling techniques leading to equipment or personnel harm, Lack of current knowledge on best practices	3H		2M



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10. Regular Assessment of Methods	Stagnation or deterioration in approach, Failure to adopt safer procedures or	2M		1L
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11. Hazard Reporting System	Failure to report identified hazards, Inadequate information transfer about potential risk	21/4		1L
12. Use of Low Vibration Tools	Risk of reduced efficiency due to unfamiliarity, Potential for misuse leading to injury	ЗН		2M



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13. Gloves and Anti- Vibration Mats Utilisation	Frequent exposure to vibration even with preventive measures, Allergic reaction to materials in gloves or mats	2M		1L



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14. Emergency Protocol Checklist	Unpreparedness for explanation of Negligence resulting a escalation of incident	эH		1L
15. Post-Work Health Checks	Late recognition of vibration white finger symptom, Habitual neglect of minor but persistent symptoms	3H		2M



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16. Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) Usage	Injury due to non-compliance to PPE usage, Discomfort leading to distracted operation	4A		2M



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17. Feedback Session	Non-delivery of crucial struction leading to continued risk, burgatory attitude toward new suggestions	2M		1L



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18. Final Clean Up	Mishaps during clean up leading to injuries, Damage to tools during improper clean up procedure	2M		1L
19. Tool Storage	Getting trapped under falling objects, Tripping over poorly stored tools	3Н		2M



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20. Equipment Sign Out	Unauthorized and potentially risky use of tools left out, Decreased tool life due to poor storage conditions	4A		2M



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	TROL THE RISKS RESIDUAL RISK



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 > odes-oi racti

Northern Territory

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 201

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 Infety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.xsafe.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.
- 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 mpleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selective.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the person is as a person is as a person is a p		
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, 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 REVIE	WED
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