



Handling Soil And Com	post SAFE WORK METHO	DD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK O	R ACTIVITY: Handling Soil And	Compost	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E il:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPRO' 'D 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 undo	required to en the 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 MY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND C THIS 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, and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuate and hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must sto, quately. 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	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	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	Unstable work environment, Manual handling injuries	2M	- Conduct a thorough risk assessment of the sea to identify potential hazards such as uneven ground or slippery surfaces. - Utilise suitable personal protective equipment of the sea to identify potential hazards such as uneven ground or slippery surfaces. - Provide proper training for an orders on manual and indicate chiniques to reduce the risk of strain or injury. - Ensure tools to requipment are smable for the task and regularly maintained to prevent accidents or malfunctions. - Estatest clear omment ation protocopy including hand signals and radios, to maintain awareness of surrowings and comment tasks effectively. - Use in accommendation such as wheelbarrows or trolleys, to assist in transporting soil and compost to minimize physical execution. Implement two crotation schedules to limit prolonged exposure to strenuous activities and reduce factories are received injuries. Mark as necure any unstable or hazardous areas with signage or barriers to warn and protect workers. - Incourage regular rest breaks and hydration, especially in hot or strenuous conditions, to maintain worker alertness and performance. - Position materials close to the work area beforehand to minimize unnecessary movements and lifting over long distances. - Have a first-aid kit accessible and ensure workers are trained in its use in case of an emergency. - Inspect the worksite for pests or wildlife that may pose additional risks and implement measures to deal with them safely. - Develop an emergency response plan specific to the site and ensure all workers are familiar with procedures and evacuation routes.	1L
2. Collecting Soil	Exposure to harmful bacteria, risk of collision with heavy machinery	ЗН	 Conduct a risk assessment prior to commencing any soil collection activities to identify potential hazards and implement appropriate controls. Ensure all workers handling soil or operating machinery are trained in safe work procedures and understand the risks associated with exposure to harmful bacteria and equipment operation. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks, and protective clothing for workers managing soil to minimise direct contact and inhalation of potentially harmful substances. Encourage good hygiene practices by ensuring that workers wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling soil and before eating or drinking. 	2M



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			- Establish clear communication signals between machinery operators and ground personnel to prevent misunderstandings and reduce the risk of collision.	
			- Implement exclusion zones around heavy machinary operations to keep unauthorised personnel at a safe distance.	
			- Regularly inspect and maintain all machine rused for so collection to ensure proper functioning and minimise the likelihood of mechanical failure accident.	
			- Use spotters or guides when operating machine in areas with limited visibility or where the risk of collision is higher.	
			- Plan soil collection routes and hedules to avoid purposes when pedestrian or vehicular traffic may be higher, reducing the man of accelents.	
			- Ensure firs' a kits and engreed, aspons and are readily accessible in case of incidents involving biological exposure or man hery mish	
			- More veather consists adjust work schedules accordingly, avoiding operations during adverse conditions had cold increase safety risks.	
			- Condula putant class k to ensure the vehicle is in good working condition, including brakes, mirrors,	
			- Use the personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and sturdy footwear, to protect gainst such as and injuries.	
			- in workers on safe lifting techniques to prevent strains or injuries when loading or unloading soil.	
			Ensure loads are properly secured to prevent movement during transport, minimising tipping or spillage risks.	
			- Limit the weight of each load to adhere to the vehicle's recommended capacity and avoid overloading.	
3. Transporting Soil	vehicle accidents, surjury fro lifting	ЗН	- Plan routes to minimise travel through high traffic areas and roads not suited for heavy loads.	2M
			- Designate a spotter to guide vehicles when reversing or navigating tight spaces to prevent collisions.	
			- Utilise mechanical aids such as trolleys or forklifts where possible to reduce the risk of manual handling strain.	
			- Communicate with all personnel involved about their roles and responsibilities during transport to ensure coordinated and safe operations.	
			- Maintain clear communication via radios or hand signals between drivers and loaders to coordinate movements safely.	
			- Establish clear exclusion zones around loading and unloading areas to keep unauthorised personnel away and reduce accident risk.	
4. Sorting Soil	Inhalation of Dust, cuts or abrasion wounds	3H		2M



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5. Composting	Exposure to harmful substances, Fire hazard due to compost heat	3H		2M



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6. Temperature Monitoring	Heat burns, slips and			1L
7. Turning Compost Heap	Musculoskeletal injuries, Exposure to harmful microorganisms	3H		2M



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Finalising Compost	Enhanced propagation at the standard due to imbalanced composting purameters, manual handling risks	2M		1L
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9. Packaging Compost	Risk of falling items, Sharp edges on packaging	2M		1L
10. Transporting Compost	Special handling risks, Exposure to dust particles	3Н		2M



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11. Loading and Unloading	Risk of injury due to heav, hery, Slips and falls	ЗН		1L



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12. Delivery	Road accidents, Manual handling injuries	3Ft		2M
13. Clean Up	Chemical Exposure, Cuts from sharp objects	2M		1 L



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14. Maintenance and Repair	Injury from improper tool use, Electrical Hazards	ЗН		2M



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15. Waste Management	Exposure to toxic waste, Manual handling injuries	ЗН		2M
16. Safety Assessment	Repercussions due to incorrect assessment, data misinterpretation	2M		1L







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18. Emergency Procedures	Insufficient response during emergencies, Panic leading to accidits	4A		2M



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19. Inspection and Audit	Incomplete inspection causing overlooked hazards, Irregular audits resulting in increased risks	ЗН		1L
20. Safety Reporting	Inaccurate report generation causing miscommunication, Delay in report making escalating the danger level	ЗН		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 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/legislation

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 afety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.csafe.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 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 a per		
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
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPL	ETED