



Hot Work Permit Fire Watch and Haza	rdous Area Safety SAFE	WORK METHOD STATEMEN	T (SWMS)
TASK OR ACTIVITY: H	ot Work Permit Fire Watch and	Hazardous Area Safety	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E il:	
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 und (PC 1) is	required to en. s that a safe work method	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring .	rolliance the VMS a well as review	ws and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS 5 MS M	NA, È 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 and in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site 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 sto, unately. 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-RISK CONSTRUCTOR	ON WO K BEIN O KRIED 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	☐ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integration of a ructure	☐ 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 — ov 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 tha tunnel involving use of explosives	☐ is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
☐ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	☐ involves diving work.
ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINER	RY 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 befor 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	ring by isolati		et. 'ive, while	rd. Substitution Administrative effective		Administrative Change the work. PPE		

				PERS		TIVE EQUIPM					
		Select the app	ropriate PPL	abo. ~uitab	ic or the equip	oment used or	the job task	being perform	ned (if applica	able).	
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	ARING STION	F' CTIO	RL PIRATORY 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
Review permit and scope	Unidentified flammable atmospheres Incorrect permit conditions Unclear emergency responsibilities Incompatible simultaneous works Unverified hazardous area classification	4A	 Obtain current hot work permit and hazarrhous area drawings from site supervisor before starting any set-up Confirm hazardous area zoning (Zone 0, 1, 2) in a quipment compatibility with relevant AS/NZS standards (e.g. AS/NZS 60079) Review Safety Data Sheets (a.g. S) for all flammaturiquity gases and coatings in the work area within at least a 15 m radius Consult with Formit Issue and Fig. Watch permited to clearly define hot work boundaries, duration and authorised to s Verifying the non-efficient permits (e.g. antined space, energised electrical work, working at heights) creations litional Document mergen of contacts, assembly points, and location of nearest fire hose reels, hydrants, extingulates and spin is on the permit Confirm all works have current competency for hot work, fire watch and confined space entry where apply habit Do Not commence any hot work without a fully approved and signed hot work permit 	3H
Inspect work area and isolate	Uncontrolled flammable vapour release Ignition of nearby combatible materials Uncontrolled energy sources Poor ventilation in hazardous areas Unprotected floor and wall penetrations	4A	 Inspect the work area, adjacent spaces, below floor and above ceiling cavities for combustible and flammable materials within at least 15 m of hot work Isolate and lock out relevant fuel, gas and liquid lines using lockout tags and devices in accordance with site isolation procedures Shut down and isolate nearby process equipment that may generate flammable vapours, dusts or mists during hot work Cover floor drains, sumps and open pits with non-combustible, spark-tight covers to prevent sparks entering concealed spaces Verify forced ventilation is operating effectively where required, and ensure extraction does not direct hot gases towards flammable sources Remove or relocate portable combustible materials (paper, timber, plastics, packaging, rags) outside the defined exclusion zone Install temporary non-combustible screens or welding curtains to contain sparks, spatter and UV radiation within the work zone DO NOT commence hot work if ventilation is inadequate to maintain a safe atmosphere below 5% LEL in hazardous areas 	2M
Set up fire watch and equipment	Delayed fire detection Inadequate fire suppression capacity	4A	Appoint a competent fire watch person dedicated solely to fire monitoring duties for the entire duration of hot work and cool-down period	2M



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	Blocked egress paths Inexperienced fire watch percentage		Position suitable fire extinguishers (e.g. minimum 9 kg dry chemical and CO2 where electrical risk is present) within 10 m and clearly visible	
	Inexperienced fire watch personnel Communication failure during		Verify all extinguishers are within inspection date ve intact tamper seals and full pressure indicators	
	emergency		• Establish and keep clear at least two egres aths from the work area to designated assembly points	
			Provide the fire watch with a working two-v radio c sobile phone and confirm the emergency call procedure before starting	
			Brief the fire watch on specific ignition sources, mmable make ials, confined spaces and hazardous area zones to monitor	
			• Ensure fire blanker comb tible welding mats and spark containment trays are available and positioned as removed.	
			DO NOT as 'n fire watc' luties to 'rk' performing other tasks or leaving the area during active hot work	
Ensure cutting containment	Falling hot slag and cut-offs Sparks entering voids or adjacent areas Damage to nearby prequipment Ignition of concern d combustibles Flying metal frage ints	4A		2M
Apply hot work applications	Fire from welding or grinding sparks Ignition of flammable coatings Electric shock from welding equipment UV radiation exposure Excessive fume generation	ЗН		2M



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Handle open flames safely	Uncontrolled open flame spread Gas leaks from hoses or fittings Flashback in oxy-fuel systems Ignition of flammable vapours Burns from contact with flames	4A		2M
Cool down hot surfaces	Skin injury from hot surfaces or fluids Delayed ignition of smouldering materials Steam burns from rapid quenching Re-ignition during cool-down Contact with hot workpieces during handling	ЗН		1L



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Prevent fires during hot work	Fire spread to building structure Ignition of flammable dust or fibres Fire in cable trays or insulation Re-ignition from sparks and slag Structural damage from heat	4A		2M
Hot work on flammable liquid tanks	Tank explosion from flammable vapours Ignition of residue roduct Boiling liquid extending vare explosion Structural failure of tank shell Toxic fume exposure files.	4A		2M
Hot work on flammable materials	 Ignition of flammable insulation Burning of coatings and linings Fire in dust layers or deposits Toxic smoke generation Hidden smouldering in lagging 	4A		2M



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Perform welding in hazardous locations	Ignition of explosive atmospheres Equipment not rated for hazardous zones Static discharge in flammable atmosphere Arcing at electrical connections Heat transfer to process equipment	4A		2M
Perform hot work in confined spaces	Oxygen deficiency or enrichment Accumulation of toxic fumes Restricted escape from fire Engulfment by smoke or gases Heat stress in confined space	4A		2M



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Manage oil-contaminated materials	Ignition of oil residues Flare-up during welding Toxic fume inhalation Fire in absorbent pads or rags Slips from spilled oils	3H		2M
Final inspection and permit closeout	Undetected smou. Incomplete restoration of isolations Residual hot spots Unreported equipment damage Reinstated operations over unsafe area	ЗН		l 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 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 2025

Legislation NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislati

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

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

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f -resourd

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

Or pational Health a. Safety Act J4

Occ ational Health and afety gulations 2017

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

tes of actice V/ 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/modelcodes-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 Saf 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

SAFE WORK N. THE STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains fective of must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are rovised. The view respectively should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors as a sub-intractors 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 must 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 revised SWMS. All workers that will be 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.	k	
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.	\boxtimes	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.	\boxtimes	
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) colum mpleted.	\boxtimes	
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selections.	\boxtimes	
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part of the important of	\boxtimes	
Permit or licenses requirements specified, sur as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.	\boxtimes	
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be use	\boxtimes	
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed an onthe SWMS.	\boxtimes	
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, use or skills required to perform the work.	\boxtimes	
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.		
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	\boxtimes	
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	\boxtimes	
REVIEWED BY	DATE REV	/IEWED
SIGNATURE	DATE COM	PLETED