



Office Furniture	SAFE WORK METHOD STA	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
TA	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Office Furnitu	ire	
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	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting a business or under a (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 a	ppliance 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	NA. 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 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 sto, an attely. 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	Trip hazards, Electrical hazards	2M	- Clear Communication: Ensure that all tear or embers are aware of the tasks involved in the preparation stage and understand the potential hazards sociated or office furniture installation. - Training and Induction: Provide necessary the per or staff and contractors regarding workplace safety, including correct manual handling procedures, or seemanagement for electrical hazards, and other key safety issues. - Removal of existing familiture: undoer bringing in neurous efurniture, ensure that any previous office furniture is safely move and situad or disposed of following appropriate guidelines. - Proper Hotel Reeping: Kell areas to trough of the installation site clean to prevent trip hazards, such as fallen objects, nosed condenses, and other poins on the ground. - Stonge Area December 1. Designate specific storage areas for equipment and tools during the installation or process apprevent clutter and potential trip hazards. - Hazar Indentification agnage: Install highly visible hazard signs in areas where multiple cords or cables are present. - Or rect Indeement of Electrical Cords: Whenever possible, place electrical cords along walls, away from walkways an under floor rugs/mats to minimise the risk of tripping. In spection of Electrical Equipment: Regularly inspect and maintain all electrical equipment, such as parer boards and extension cords, to ensure that they are in good working order and pose no risk to workers. - Use of Cord Covers: If placement against the wall isn't feasible, use cord covers, such as cable trays, conduit, or ducting materials, to securely manage and bundle cords in areas where they may be exposed. - Proper PPE for Workers: Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as non-slip shoes and gloves, for workers who will be handling heavy furniture and potentially exposed to electrical hazards. - Tool and Equipment Maintenance: Perform regular maintenance checks on tools and equipment used during the installation, and repair or replace faulty items. - Liftin	1L
2. Inspection	Poor lighting, Inadequate workstation ergonomics	ЗН	 Ensure adequate and adjustable lighting is available in the workplace, including natural light where possible, to maintain appropriate visibility and reduce eye strain. Position workstations in a way that they have sufficient space and proper ergonomics, including adjustable chairs, desks and monitors to minimise the risk of injuries. 	2M



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			- Regularly inspect and maintain all office furniture for any signs of wear and tear or damage that could compromise safety, and replace damaged furniture promptly if necessary.	
			- Encourage employees to take regular breaks from eir workstations to stretch and change positions, reducing the risk of repetitive strain injuries.	
			- Provide guidelines and training on proper prkplace error omics, including correct desk, chair and monitor heights and positioning to promote good position.	
			- Consider investing in ergonomic accessories so as keyboarr' trays, wrist rests and footrests that can further improve workstation confort and safety.	
			- Offer regular vision screening employees and pure support for those who require prescription glasses or contact a local	
			- Keep surrousing areas coar of our suction and ensure walkways or paths between workstations are wide and uncoared to make the longer and falls.	
			- End the emit of report any hazards they identify during inspections or throughout their works that so action can be taken to rectify any issues.	
			- Estable have ear an eccessible reporting system for all workplace health and safety concerns, empoweing a bloyee contribute to creating and maintaining a safe workspace.	
			- pitor be tent prature and humidity within the office environment and make adjustments as needed to keep by rescomfortable and prevent health issues related to poor climate control.	
			Perform periodic reviews of the effects and success of implemented control measures to ensure their or sing efficacy and relevance, and adjust as needed. Assign responsibility for monitoring the implementation of these control measures to a dedicated Workplace Health and Safety officer, ensuring accountability and oversight in maintaining a safe working	
			environment.	
			- Proper training: Ensure that all staff involved in selecting, handling, and setting up furniture are trained on correct manual handling techniques to prevent injuries due to lifting heavy items.	
			- Use of trolleys or carts: Provide suitable equipment such as trolleys or carts for moving bulky or heavy furniture around the office, reducing the risk of injury during manual handling tasks.	
			- Assess load requirements: Conduct a risk assessment for each specific piece of furniture to identify safe lifting and transporting procedures, taking into consideration the weight, size, and shape of each item.	
3. Selecting furniture	Manual handling, Workstation incompatibility	2M	- Team lifts: Encourage staff to perform team lifts when handling heavy or bulky furniture to distribute the weight evenly and minimise strain on individuals.	1L
			- Ergonomic design: Choose furniture with ergonomic features such as adjustable height, armrests, and lumbar support to promote a comfortable and safe working environment.	
			- Personalised workstations: Allow employees to customise their workstation setup by adjusting the height of chairs, keyboards, and monitors to suit their personal needs, ensuring compatibility and comfort.	
			- Quality control measures: Perform an ongoing review of furniture selection to ensure it meets both workers' needs and compliance with workplace health and safety requirements.	



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			- Regular maintenance checks: Establish a maintenance routine to inspect and repair any damaged or unsafe furniture, ensuring that it remains fit for purpose and adheres to relevant safety standards.	
			- Clear communication: Provide clear instructions and the safe use and handling of all office furniture to help reduce potential risks associated with interpretable oper practices.	
			- Seek expert advice: Consult with a special Workplace ealth and Safety officer regarding potential hazards and measures required to address to make electing and installing new office furniture.	
			- Review process: Routinely evaluate and update are SWMS for Office Furniture to ensure effectiveness and adaptability to any changes in legislation or to office epigenment, thereby maintaining the highest standards of safety in the work loce.	
4. Transportation	Movable obstacles, Constitution	зн		2M



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5. Assembly	Incorrect use of tous, Falling objects	2M		1L



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6. Positioning	Environmental haz us, Obstructed pathways	2M		1L



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7. Adjustments to height	Finger-pinch points of verextension injuries	2IM		114
8. Ergonomic modification	Improper body posture, Strain injuries	3H		2M



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9. Cable management	Trip hazards, Electrical issues	2M		1L



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10. Testing furniture stability	Risk of toppling over, Protruding objects	ЗН		2M



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11. Workspace customisation	Clutter-related hazard one edges			1L
12. Maintenance	Poor quality materials, Wear and tear over time	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/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

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 afety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.xsafe.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 pulleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selectives		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part the important part ation control 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 REVIEW	WED
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLI	ETED