



Operate Heavy Machinery	Onsite SAFE WORK MET	HOD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK OR	ACTIVITY: Operate Heavy Machi	nery Onsite	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E il:	
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.	cting a business or undo	required to en that a safe work method	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:	NY	Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	poliance 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 IN 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 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, 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			

	PERS_NAL_F TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)										
		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:										
Permit or Licenses Requirements Mandat						andatory Qual	ifications 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	Tripping over equipment, exposure to noise and vibration	2M	 Conduct a site walk-through to identify any capping hazards and remove obstacles or clutter from the work area. Clearly mark pathways with safety cones or to a carect foot traffic safety around heavy machinery operations. Ensure all workers wear apportate personal productive calpment (PPE) including hard hats, gloves, and steel-toed boots to revent ouries from tripping. Use noise-carculing early ffs or coplugs for opersonnel on site to protect against exposure to high noise levelss. Schoole regular major wance for many energy to minimise vibration through well-maintained parts. Imply that a heaver conservation program that includes regular hearing tests for employees exposed to high note by less. Train a status of the incortance of maintaining a safe distance from operating machinery and awareness of their is fround as. See to the rivers or physical guards around areas where machinery is in operation to prevent accidental ntry. To ovide clear and comprehensive induction training for new employees, highlighting specific site hazards and oest practices to avoid them. Install proper signage to warn workers of noise hazards and requirements for hearing protection. Create dedicated storage zones for tools and equipment to ensure entrances, exits, and walkways are kept clear. Deploy soundproof enclosures or acoustic panels on machinery where feasible to reduce noise output. Use advanced machinery with built-in shock absorbers or vibration-dampening technology to lessen machine vibrations transmitted to operators. Encourage frequent breaks for machinery operators to allow recovery from exposure to noise and vibration stress, reducing the risk of long-term health issues. 	1L
2. Site Inspection	Traffic accidents, accidental falls, electrical shock	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough risk assessment to identify potential hazards and implement appropriate measures before commencing operations. Install temporary barriers or bollards to separate pedestrian walkways from machinery operation zones and vehicular pathways. Ensure all workers wear high-visibility clothing and are equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as hard hats and safety boots. Implement a traffic management plan that includes clear signage for vehicle routes, entry and exit points, speed limits, and parking areas. 	2M



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		111011	- Designate a trained spotter or signal person to assist machine operators in navigating around the site safely.	1.10.1
			- Regularly inspect electrical cables and connection for damage and ensure all electrical installations comply with relevant standards to prevent electrical shock.	
			- Use fall prevention systems such as gual tils, harness, and safety nets when working at heights around or on heavy machinery.	
			- Conduct induction training sessions for all stan cusing on site specific safety protocols and emergency procedures associated with 1 by machinery openion.	
			- Maintain a clear communication protocol using radii and signals among operators and ground personnel to avoid a confusion, and confusion.	
			- Schedule remar machine maintaince are pre-start inspections to ensure all equipment functions properly and a standard ddressed and dy.	
			- Allo sufficie time for each task, avoiding rushed operations that may lead to mistakes or accidents.	
		- Conduct a p-starty fety briefing to ensure all operators are aware of the risks associated with moving parts are hot process.		
		- loc ut/tag at procedures to ensure machinery is properly shut down and secured before cond. In an equipment check.		
		Insure an guards and protective barriers are in place and secure to prevent accidental contact with moving parts.		
		Equip all workers with appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and long-sleeved clothing, to prevent burns and injury.		
			- Implement a routine maintenance schedule to ensure all machinery is functioning correctly and safely.	
		- Ensure all operators are trained and competent in identifying potential hazards associated with the machinery.		
B. Equipment Check	Injury from moving parts burns from not surfaces	3H	- Use thermal imaging devices or infrared thermometers to identify hot surfaces without direct contact.	2M
			- Clearly label all hot surfaces and moving parts to alert workers to potential dangers.	
			- Position "Danger: Moving Parts" and "Caution: Hot Surface" signage prominently on relevant machinery.	
		- Establish a clear safe-zone boundary around operating machinery to prevent unauthorized access during equipment checks.		
		- Require use of insulated tools when working near hot surfaces to prevent burns.		
		- Develop emergency shutdown procedures that all workers are familiar with for situations when immediate action is necessary.		
			- Encourage a culture of safety where workers feel empowered to report any unsafe conditions or potential issues immediately.	
			- Implement regular refresher training sessions focusing on hazard recognition and safe practices related to equipment check procedures.	



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4. Pre-start Checks	Fluid leaks causing slips, falling objects	ЗН		1L
5. Machine Operation Start	Wrong operations leading to accidents, entanglement	4A		2M



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6. Load Transporting	Traffic accidents, overloading	4A		3H
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7. Machine Operation Management	Incorrect operation technique, machine failure	3H		2M
8. Refuelling Machinery	Fire hazards, fluid leakage causing falls	3H		1L



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9. Maintenance Exposure to hazardous substances, cuts by sharp objects 3H		2M
Activities by sharp objects 3H		2111



10. Safety Device Checks Device failures leading to accidents, electric shocks 2M	JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR
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11 Heavy Lifts Muscle strain crushing injuries 3H	10. Safety Device Checks		4A		2M
11. Hoavy Lines Mideolo strain, ordening flightes 511	11. Heavy Lifts	Muscle strain, crushing injuries	3Н		2M



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RESIDUAL RISK
1L



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13. Handling Hazardous Substances	Exposure to harmful chemicals, risk of explosion or fire	4A		2M
14. Night Operations	Reduced visibility causing accidents, fatigue	3Н		I 1L



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15. Machinery Shutdown	Improper shut down procedures, electric shock	ЗН		2M



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16. Post-operation Cleanup	Risk of falling, chemical exposure	ЗН		1L
17. Reporting Accidents	Lack of appropriate reporting of hazards and risks, delayed response	2M		1L



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18. Waste Disposal	Exposure to harmful substances, puncture or cuts from sharp wastes	ЗН		2M



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19. Site Review	Risk of ignoring potential hazards in future, inefficient hazard control practic	2M-		1L
20. End Shift Procedures	Fatigue leading to accidents, wrong lock-out procedures	4A		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

 $\underline{\text{Legislation QLD:}} \ \underline{\text{https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws}}$

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 2011

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/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 affety gulations 2017

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

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tes of actice VIC 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/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.	<u>k</u>	
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	\boxtimes	
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, 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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