



Prevent Over-Exertion Or Stra	ain Injuries SAFE WORK I	METHOD STATEMENT (SWM	S)
TASK OR ACT	IVITY: Prevent Over-Exertion Or	Strain Injuries	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E fil:	
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 undo	required to en that a safe work method s	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		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 S /MS M HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA, 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN 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 atately. 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		TIVE EQUIPM					
		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			Ma	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	Poor posture, Improper manual handling of equipment	ЗН	 Conduct a risk assessment to identify pote an hazards related to poor posture and manual handling tasks. Provide training on correct posture and safe and achiques suitable for all employees. Ensure all staff are aware on the importance of poer ergonal and allow muscle recovery. Implement rotating job roles to inimise repetitive and allow muscle recovery. Use mechanical cuts such as trocks or lifting devices to assist in handling heavy or awkward items. Arrange ab, stable works alons so apploin a can work comfortably with good posture. Post of frequently use a equipment an amaterials within easy reach to avoid unnecessary stretching or bending. Schedule and pullar banks to reduce fatigue and encourage physical movement. Encourage tractice or sam lifting techniques when handling loads that are too heavy or bulky for one ison. Man air clutter-free work environment to prevent trips, slips, or sudden movements during manual andling asks. and gularly inspect equipment and workstations to ensure they are well-maintained and suitable for the task. Promote physical fitness and stretching exercises to improve flexibility and strength among employees. Ensure clothing and personal protective equipment do not restrict movement or contribute to poor posture. Provide feedback opportunities for employees to discuss workloads and suggest improvements for their working conditions. 	2M
2. Assessment of Work Area	Slips, trips and falls, Incorrect usage of equipment	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough inspection of the work area to identify potential slip, trip, and fall hazards such as spills, uneven surfaces, and clutter. Ensure that all walkways and workspaces are kept clear of obstructions and properly marked with visible signage. Implement a regular cleaning schedule to promptly address any spills or debris that may contribute to slips and trips. Use anti-slip mats or coatings on floors in areas prone to moisture accumulation. Supply adequate training to workers on the correct handling and usage of equipment to minimise strain injuries. Provide ergonomic assessments and adjustments to workstations and tools where necessary to prevent over-exertion. 	1L



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			- Ensure all equipment is regularly maintained and inspected to confirm it's in good working order and safe to use.	
			- Install proper lighting throughout the work area to prove visibility and reduce accident risks.	
			- Place appropriate warning signs near poter anazards to alert workers to areas requiring extra caution.	
			- Mandate the use of suitable footwear that privides are judges as under support and traction for the work environment.	
			- Implement and enforce a rest and rotation policipus prevent for the from repetitive tasks or heavy lifting.	
			- Encourage a culture of safety there workers feel of cole reporting hazards and near-miss incidents.	
			- Provide and andate use perso I protect: equipment like gloves, knee pads, or back supports where neces v.	
			- Record y revise and date safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can mitigate the safety precocols to incorporate new findings or technologies that can be safety from the safety precocols and the safety precocols are safety from the safety precocols and the safety precocols are safety precocols are safety precocols and the safety precocols are safety pr	
			- Conductant conomic assessment of all equipment before selection to ensure suitability for the task.	
			boose quiphent with adjustable features to accommodate different user sizes and preferences.	
			Provining sessions on proper use and adjustment of equipment to all employees.	
			nsure equipment has clear, accessible instructions and safety labels.	
			- Surce equipment from reputable suppliers known for ergonomic design.	
			- Regularly review and update equipment selection criteria based on user feedback.	
	Ergonomically unsultance equipment		- Implement a routine inspection schedule to ensure all equipment remains in good condition and functions correctly.	
B. Equipment Selection	Unaware of proper functionalities	3H	- Designate a team member responsible for maintaining records of equipment functionality checks.	2M
			- Incorporate employee input into equipment selection to meet specific needs or address common discomforts.	
			- Offer refresher courses for employees to remain updated on any new equipment functionalities.	
			- Provide resources or guidelines, such as quick reference cards, highlighting key functionalities and adjustments.	
		- Ensure compatibility of equipment with other worksite tools and technology to avoid mismatches leading to strain.		
			- Encourage reporting of equipment issues without repercussions to foster a proactive safety culture.	
			- Allocate budget for continuous improvement initiatives focused on ergonomic equipment enhancements.	
4. Training and Instruction	Lack of knowledge, Low quality of training	3H		1L



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5. Physical Conditioning	Improper warm up, Lack of rest	2M		1L







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7. Breaks Between Tasks	Fatigue, Lack of concentration			1L
8. User Comfort Measures	Inadequate workspace setup, Poor ventilation	2M		1L



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9. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use	Non-compliance to PPE use, an E failure	2M		1L



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10. Regular Equipment Check	Maintenance negligence, Inefficient inspection procedure			2M
11. Reporting of Incidents	Reticence to reporting, Poor reporting mechanisms in place	3Н		2M



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12. Job Rotation Policy	Repetition fatigue, Stagna	2M		■ 1L

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13. Posture Correction	Ignoring early signs of strain, Inability to identify incorrect posture	ЗН		2M
14. Regular Health Checks	Non-attendance in health checks, Distrust in medical advice	2M		1L



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15. Ergonomic Re- evaluations	Poor follow-up on ergonomic adjustments, Non-optimal ergonomic arrangements	2M		1L
16. Stretching and Exercise	Irregular exercise pattern, Negligence in doing proper stretching	3H		1L



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17. Stress Management Techniques	Lack of awareness, Insufficient stress coping mechanisms	4A		3H



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18. Hydration and Nutrition	Dehydration, Poor diet and malnutrition	2M		1L
19. Communication Skills Training	Poor understanding of instructions, Miscommunication leading to incidents	2M		1L



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20. Debrief and Review	Negligible review strategy, Not taking into account feedbacks	3H		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

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compl

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 Infety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.wksafe.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 as a person is a		
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