



Removal Of Asbestos F	Pipe SAFE WORK METHO	D STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK C	OR ACTIVITY: Removal Of Asbes	tos Pipe	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E 11:	
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THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROV TO 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 the (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	opliance 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 PERSONNI EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO THIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in account with a 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, an alately. 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.			





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



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	

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		Select the app	ropriate PPL	abo. auitab	le 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	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	Incorrect identification of asbestos, Lack of proper tools and equipment	2M	- Proper identification: Ensure correct identification of asbestos material by engaging a qualified asbestos assessor with the required licenses and cere sation to proorm surveys and tests. - Update asbestos register: Keep an updated to not a register in the workplace, clearly indicating the location of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs to avoid accide tal exposure or disturbance. - Develop an Asbestos Managorent Plan: Establistic clear usin outlining procedures for removal, transportation, and directly and in a lof in the stability of the provided aspestor of the simple state involved. - Obtain necessor permits tense a finsure that all necessary permits and licenses are obtained from relevant autities before immendent the resolval of asbestos pipe. - Apportiate the ling of conkers: Conductegular training sessions for employees to ensure they under a lit the first associated with asbestos and how to safely handle it. - Perst also bective quipment (PPE): Provide appropriate PPE, such as respirators, protective coverals gloss, and refety goggles, to every worker involved in asbestos removal tasks. Select oper als and equipment: Use specialised tools and equipment designed specifically for as a stost emoval minimising the risk of airborne fiber release. Restrict cess to work area: Only allow authorised personnel to enter the asbestos removal site, suring warning signs are placed around the perimeter of the work area. - It, plement control measures: Apply suitable control measures, including wet methods or dust suppression technology to minimise the release of asbestos fibers during removal. - Secure waste containers: Use leak-tight containers or heavy-duty double-bagged bags to securely transport and store removed asbestos waste until proper disposal. - Inspection and maintenance of equipment: Regularly inspect and maintain tools and equipment used in the removal process, replacing any damaged or inefficient items. - Adequate communication and supervision: Ensure clear communication between workers an	1L
2. Isolation	Airborne asbestos exposure, Uncontrolled access to the work area	ЗН	 Implement exclusion zones: Set up clearly marked exclusion zones around the work area to ensure only authorised personnel can access the site. Use physical barriers, such as fencing or barricades, and warning signs to indicate the presence of asbestos. Establish personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements: Ensure all workers involved in the removal of asbestos pipe are wearing appropriate PPE, such as disposable coveralls, gloves, boot covers, and respiratory protection, to minimise exposure to airborne asbestos fibers. Air monitoring: Conduct regular air monitoring during the asbestos pipe removal process to measure the concentration of airborne asbestos fibers and ensure that levels remain within safe limits. 	2M



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			 - Dust suppression: Use wet methods, such as dampening surfaces or utilising HEPA-filtered vacuum systems, to suppress any dust generated during the removal process, thereby minimising the release of airborne asbestos fibers. - Encapsulation: Apply encapsulants (sealants a edifically designed for asbestos containment) to seal off the surface of the asbestos pipe before removing it, which could prevent the release of asbestos fibers into the air. - Implement clearance procedures: Develop and forw clearance procedures, including visual inspections and air monitoring, to ensure the work area is frection asbest a contamination after the removal has been completed. - Proper waste dispositive possible of asbestos-contain a materials (ACM) in accordance with local regulations in waste contained to the property belief and sealed. Ensure that waste transport and disposal area used out by tensed to grators. - Traiping and competent Ensure allocaters involved in the asbestos removal process have received appreciate trains a data to be hazards, safe work practices, and regulatory requirements associated with asbest statements. - Communication and approximation: Coordinate with other trades, supervisors, and workers to ensure they underst additional approximation of the isolation and removal of asbestos pipes. Hold gular to above its to reinforce this information and maintain open communication on-site. - Peacific sview and update of SWMS: Regularly review and update the Safe Work Method Statement SWMS, a asbestos pipe removal to ensure its continued effectiveness in addressing hazards and plementing appropriate control measures. Consider changes to work processes, technologies, or less lative requirements when updating the SWMS. 	
3. Decontamination set up	Poor decontamination facilities, Insufficient PPE usage	2M	 Establish a designated decontamination area adjacent to the work site, ensuring it is well-ventilated and free from obstructions. Set up a three-stage decontamination process that includes a dirty area, a shower area, and a clean area for workers to transition through after handling asbestos. Provide clear signage indicating the boundaries of each decontamination area and emphasise the importance of following the proper sequence when entering and exiting the zones. Equip the decontamination area with appropriate cleaning supplies, such as HEPA-filtered vacuum cleaners, disposable wipes, and waste receptacles lined with asbestos-proof bags. Ensure workers are adequately trained on decontamination procedures, including the proper removal, cleaning, and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing. Supply workers with sufficient quantities and proper sizes of PPE, including coveralls, gloves, footwear, and respiratory masks, meeting Australian regulatory standards. Instruct workers to change into clean clothing after completing decontamination processes and before leaving the work site to minimise potential cross-contamination. Conduct regular inspections of the decontamination area to ensure all supplies and equipment are functioning correctly and promptly address any deficiencies or malfunctions. 	1L



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			- Implement a strict buddy system during decontamination procedures to ensure that workers are correctly following guidelines and assisting one another in the safe removal and disposal of contaminated PPE.	
			- Develop a protocol for handling emergency situating within the decontamination area, ensuring that workers know how to respond swiftly and efficiency in case of exposure or injury.	
			- Keep records of all workers who have entered and exite the decontamination area, including details about the nature of their work, the duration of their work, and associated PPE usage.	
			- Store all removed asbestos materials securely saling them in properly labelled double-layered plastic bags, away from general word preas until they can be disposed of according to local regulations.	
			- Coordinate with certified asbears disposal service transportation, and transportation, and transportation, and transportation are transportation, and transportation are transportation and transportation are transportation.	
			- Regularly we are and rever the Se Work and Statement (SWMS) for asbestos pipe removal to ensure complex ce with Archalian West Health and Safety regulations and reflect any new findings or materials a lindrary practices regarding decontamination procedures.	
4. Encapsulation	Ineffective enclosure, Premature damage to encapsulated materials	ЗН		2M



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5. Removal of asbestos pipe	Asbestos fibers disperson, as or abrasions from share edges	ı		1L
6. Waste Disposal	Improper waste disposal, Contamination of the environment	4A		2M



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7. Air Monitoring	Inadequate monitoring equipment, Inaccurate data collection	3H		1L



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8. Clean-up	Remaining asbestos debris, Improper cleaning methods	2M		1L



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9. Decontamination	Incomplete removal of contaminants from personnel and equipment, Exposure to asbestos during decontamination process	4A		2M



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10. Clearance Inspection	Missed asbestos material, Failure to identify ongoing risks	3H		1L



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11. Site Restoration	Discarded PPE, Damaged property during removal process	2M		1L



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12. Documentation	Inaccurate or missing records, Miscommunication between stakeholders	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/legislati

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

Occupational Health al. Safety Act

Occupational Health and affety 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.
- 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							





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
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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 pleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selective.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part of the important of 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 REVIEWE	D
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETE	ED