



Safe Handling And Storage Of Const	truction Materials SAFE V	ORK METHOD STATEMENT	(SWMS)
TASK OR ACTIVITY:	Safe Handling And Storage Of C	onstruction Materials	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E fil:	
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.	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	apliance 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 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 ed in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuate and 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	

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		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	Improper handling, incorrect storage, lack of personal protective equipment	ЗН	 Conduct a risk assessment before starting accidentify potential hazards related to handling and storage. Develop a site-specific safe work method so general for MS) outlining all necessary procedures. Ensure workers are trained in manual handling canniques to minimise the risk of injury. Use appropriate mechanical distances and solve they are well against to prevent congestion and accidents. Clearly mark storage areas and assure they are well against to prevent congestion and accidents. Store materiate and flat, store surrough to prevent tipping or cascading. Keep heavity terms at well level to be the strain during lifting. Ensurementation are cacked correctly, following height and weight restrictions to prevent collapse. Use a river or was ing signs around storage areas to alert others of potential hazards. Provid and andatates a use of personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves, safety boots, and helin its. Exercise vorkers on the proper use and maintenance of PPE to ensure its effectiveness. Regular, inspect storage areas and equipment for any signs of wear or damage. To tablish emergency procedures and ensure workers are familiar with them in case of an accident. 	2M
2. Delivery	Failure to secure materials, risk of falling objects	ЗН	 Conduct a pre-delivery safety briefing with all personnel involved in the unloading process to outline potential risks and safe work practices. Ensure all delivery personnel have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including hard hats, high-visibility clothing, and steel-toed boots. Implement a traffic management plan to guide vehicles safely onto the site and designate unloading zones away from foot traffic areas. Use spotters or flag personnel when reversing delivery vehicles to minimise the risk of accidents or collisions. Inspect materials for damage before unloading to prevent the risk of handling compromised goods that may lead to falls or injuries. Use forklifts or cranes operated by licensed operators to lift heavy materials, ensuring that loads are correctly secured before movement. Keep unauthorised personnel clear of the unloading area during delivery to reduce potential exposure to falling objects. Check weather conditions prior to delivery; strong winds or rain may increase the likelihood of goods not being securely handled. 	2M



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			- Install barriers or warning signs around delivery zones to alert pedestrians and workers to the potential hazards of falling objects.	
			- Store materials as close to their intended work location as possible to limit unnecessary moving and handling.	
			- Ensure all storage areas on-site are level of stable, are materials are stacked and secured as per guidelines to prevent collapse.	
			- Perform regular equipment maintenance checking lifting devices to ensure they remain in safe working condition.	
			- Provide ongoing training sess, as for staff to reinform the material handling techniques and update them on any new second	
			- Develop are mergency reconse purspecific to material delivery incidents, ensuring first-aid kits and trained responders are really available.	
			- Ensure that all we are involved in the unloading process have completed manual handling training to reduce hear to of in	
			- Use m shan. I aids seth as forklifts, cranes, or trolleys to minimise manual lifting wherever possible.	
			arry efine a mark unloading zones to keep them separate from pedestrian pathways to prevent accidental pollisions.	
			mplement a "no standing" policy within the unloading area when materials are being moved to avoid hung personnel.	
			Train workers on safe lifting techniques, including team lifts for heavy or awkward loads, to reduce strain injuries.	
			- Communicate unloading procedures clearly to all crew members before beginning the task, ensuring everyone understands their roles.	
. Unloading	Manual handling injuries, hit by mov gobjects	4A	- Ensure regular maintenance checks on mechanical aids to prevent equipment failure during unloading operations.	2M
			- Designate a spotter to guide machine operators and ensure clear communication between all parties to prevent accidents.	
			- Use high-visibility clothing for all workers involved in the unloading process to make sure they are easily seen by equipment operators.	
			- Rotate tasks among workers to avoid repetitive strain injuries from performing the same motions continuously.	
			- Establish emergency procedures and ensure first aid kits are accessible in the event of an accident during unloading.	
			- Set weight limits for manually handled materials and enforce these limits strictly to reduce the risk of overexertion.	
			- Use signs and barriers to control access to the unloading area, ensuring only authorised personnel are present.	



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JOB STEP SPECIFIC WORK STEPS 4. Inspection for damage	POTENTIAL HAZARDS HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE Exposure to damaged goods, Injury due to unsecure materials	IR INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RR RESIDUAL RISK
5. Storing construction materials	Improper storage, insufficient space, wrong stacking order	4A		2M



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6. Retrieving materials	materials	ЗН		1L



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7. Using/Installation	Incorrect use of tools/equipment, improper material handling	3Н		2M
8. Waste Management	Incorrect disposal method, exposure to hazardous waste	4A		2M



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9. Returning unused materials	Mishandling of materials, insecure loading	ЗН		1L



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10. Maintenance of storage area	Cluttered area, trip hazards, blocked emergency route	4A		2M
11. Documentation and reporting	Risks from incomplete documentation, non-compliance with regulations	2M		1L



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12. Emergency procedures	Inadequate training, supplement failul during emergency	ЗН		1L



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13. Regular checks and audits	Non-compliance with safety regulations, overlooked hazards	ЗН		1L
14. Reviewing and updating SWMS	Outdated safety measures, missed risks in current SWMS	2M		1L



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15. Training and communication	Incorrect information dissemination, of understanding of safety protocols	ЗН		1L



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16. Equipment maintenance	Machinery malfunction, incorrect equipment handling	4A		2M
17. Disposal of unusable materials	Inadequate waste disposal, exposure to hazardous materials	4A		2M



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18. Site clean-up	Hazardous left-over materials, trip hazards	4A		1L
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19. Final inspection	Overlooked hazards, non-compliance with safety regulations	31		l 1L
20. End of day procedures	Fatigue-related errors, inadequate safety checks	3H		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/codes-oi-practic

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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/legislati

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/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 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