Sewer Blockage Clear	ing   SAFE WORK METHOD	O STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK	OR ACTIVITY: Sewer Blockage C	learing	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E jii:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPRO		
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or under the (PC - I) is	required to en the that a safe work method s	tatement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		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 MAS PHAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NALE OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNE EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND CO THIS SWMS	DMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in according with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, a contract to compare the second hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or contract each hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop an attactive 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-RISK CONSTRUC	
☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters	I 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	□ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
□ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integ. Y of a sucture	$\square$ 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 terminary supart 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	$\Box$ 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.
☐ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	☐ involves diving work.
ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINER	RY OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY



RISK MATRIX										
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE			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 befor 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 k⊾ records		Engineering Isolate the hazard.	
Defice       LOW       LOW       MODERATE       HIGH       HIGH       LOW       korrecords       Isolate the hazard.         Iotes on Hierarchy of Controls:       Elimination methods are the most effective and preferre usen con use a hazard. Substitution is the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the increase the five, while Administrative Change the work.       Administrative work.       PPE         Controls by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), the least effective       Fectore       PPE										

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		Select the ap	propriate PPL	abo, ruitab	i or the equi	oment used or	the job task	being perform	ned (if applica	able).	
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION		P ECTION	R⊾ ⇒PIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
Other PPE Required:											
	Permit or Licenses Requirements						Ма	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 equipment, unhygienic conditions	ЗН	<ul> <li>Select appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety glasses, and face masks to protect against diseases and contaminant.</li> <li>Inspect all tools and equipment to ensure the unpurgood working condition and suitable for the task to avoid failures during operation.</li> <li>Provide training for staff on purser hygiene practice and unrect use of equipment prior to commencing work.</li> <li>Use barriers supple to school of the work are und keep unauthorised personnel away.</li> <li>Establish a tran communication plane/ithe am members to effectively coordinate tasks and respond to emergine cise.</li> <li>Pertrin training to the superior to starting work to identify additional hazards and implement necessary control.</li> <li>Ensure avaluability of upan water, soap, and sanitising solutions near the worksite for regular hand ashing and do untamination.</li> <li>Plea to the disposal containers nearby to safely discard contaminated materials and tools after use.</li> <li>Confirm wat first-aid kits are fully stocked and accessible in case of injury or contamination during the training continuous monitoring and recording of the work process to recognise any unusual occurrences.</li> <li>Implement administrative controls by maintaining continuous monitoring and recording of the work process to recognise any unusual occurrences.</li> <li>Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air quality and reduce exposure to harmful gases or odours.</li> <li>Conduct a thorough review of relevant licences and competencies of operators before using specialised sewer clearance equipment.</li> </ul>	2M
2. Safety briefing	Miscommunication, lack of safety gear	2M	<ul> <li>Conduct a pre-task safety meeting with all team members to ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>Use a checklist to verify that all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and worn correctly by all personnel.</li> <li>Establish clear communication protocols, including hand signals and radio communication if applicable, to minimise potential miscommunication.</li> <li>Assign a designated safety officer on-site to oversee compliance with safety procedures and address potential hazards immediately.</li> </ul>	1L



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			- Ensure all staff are familiar with the location's specific emergency procedures and escape routes before starting work.	
			- Provide written safe work procedures and ensurement at all employees acknowledge and understand them.	
			- Conduct regular toolbox talks focusing on the importance of effective communication and correct use of safety gear.	
			- Restrict access to the work area to authorise the model only and post clear signage indicating a hazardous zone.	
			- Schedule routine checks the phout the operation ensure PPE integrity and functionality, replacing any defective gear promptly.	
			- Implement a browy system when we team members look out for each other's safety and compliance with safety measures.	
			- Use should inclustors, should as high-vision y tape or flags, to mark danger zones within the worksite when the ards a concent.	
			- Conduct a corough opection of the site before commencing work to identify potential trip hazards such as uneven such these or constructive debris.	
			- arly ark an execure the work area with safety barriers, cones, or tape to prevent any unauthorised access or reduce the risk of falls.	
			Insure an personnel are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including high versitive clothing, safety boots, gloves, and hard hats, to protect against potential injuries from slips and failing objects.	
	G		- Use portable lighting where necessary to enhance visibility and identify any fall or trip hazards in dimly lit areas.	
			- Establish communication protocols, such as hand signals or radios, to maintain clear contact between team members and ensure quick responses if any fall-related incidents occur.	
3. Site Assessment	Fall hazards, trip hazards	3H	- Facilitate a pre-activity briefing for all workers to discuss identified risks and control measures related to trip and fall hazards on-site.	2M
			- Regularly inspect tools and equipment to ensure they are in good working order and stored properly after use to minimise clutter and tripping risks.	
			- Provide training for all personnel on how to safely navigate the worksite, recognising and avoiding potential trip and fall hazards during operations.	
			- Implement administrative controls like work permits and regular check-ins to monitor worker movements and adherence to safety protocols.	
			- Assign a spotter, where feasible, whose responsibility is to keenly observe and alert individuals to potential dangers, ensuring awareness of their surroundings at all times.	
			- Establish and enforce a clean-as-you-go policy to ensure that all waste materials, tools, and equipment are promptly cleared from walkways and workspaces to reduce trip hazards.	





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4. Set Up Work Area	Unstable ground, heavy machinery operation	4A		2М
5. Inspect Equipment	Equipment failure, improper use of equipment	2M		1L



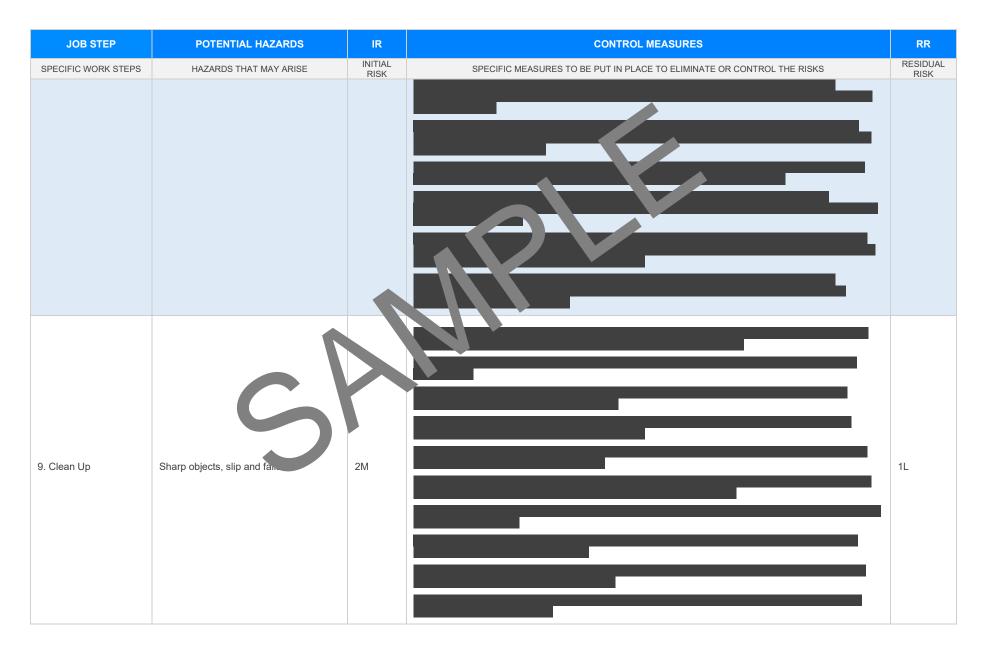




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7. Clearing Blockage	Risk of injury, exposure to biohazards	44		ЗН
8. Testing	Water damage, electrocution risk	ЗН		2M

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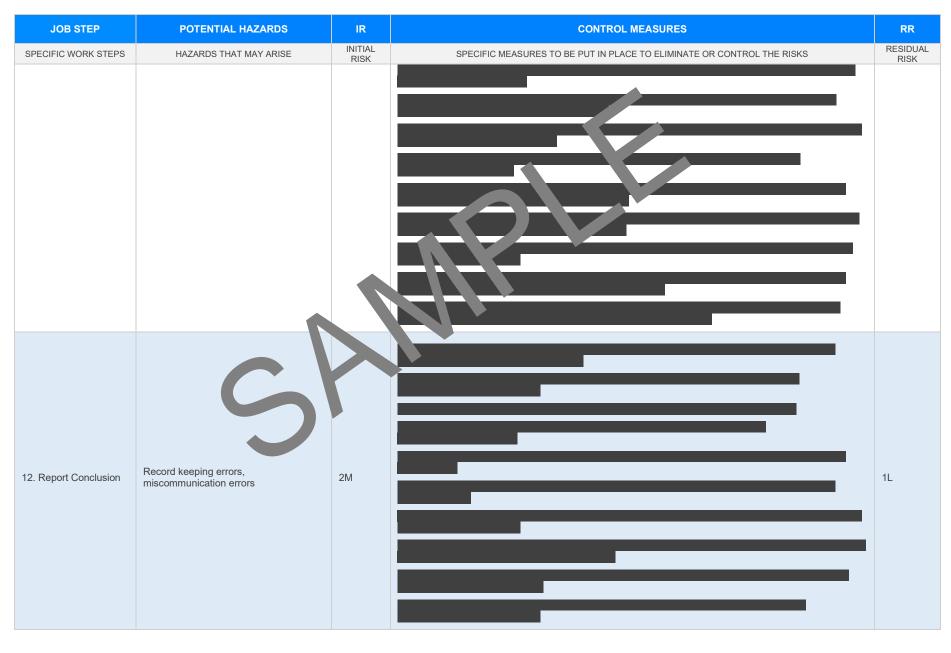




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10. Decontamination	Exposure to harmful chemicals, proper disposal of waste	ЗН		1L
11. Equipment Maintenance	Incorrect maintenance, neglecting maintenance	ЗН		2M

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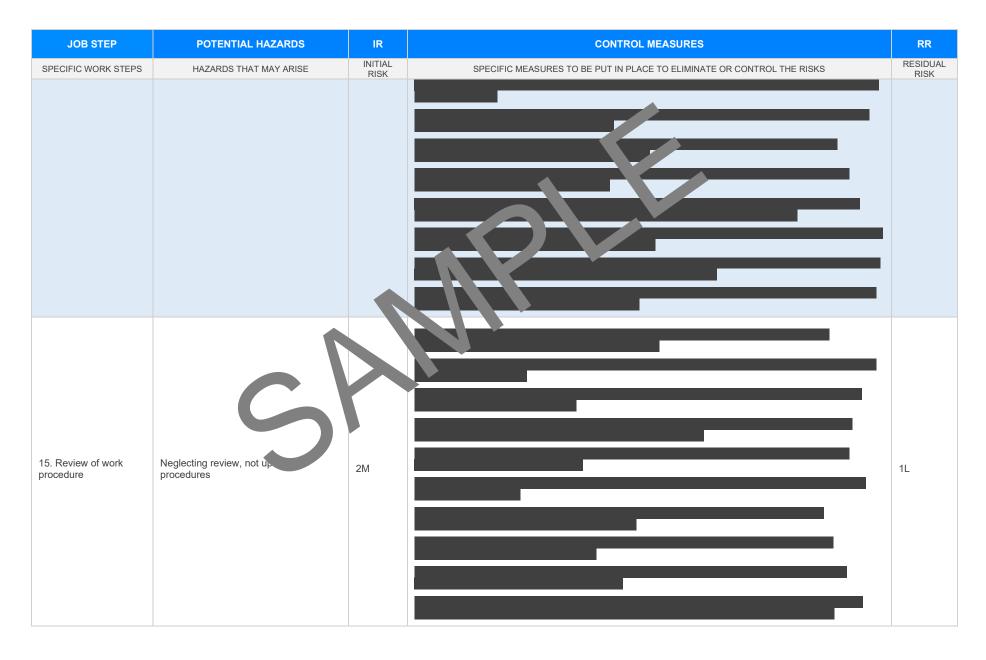


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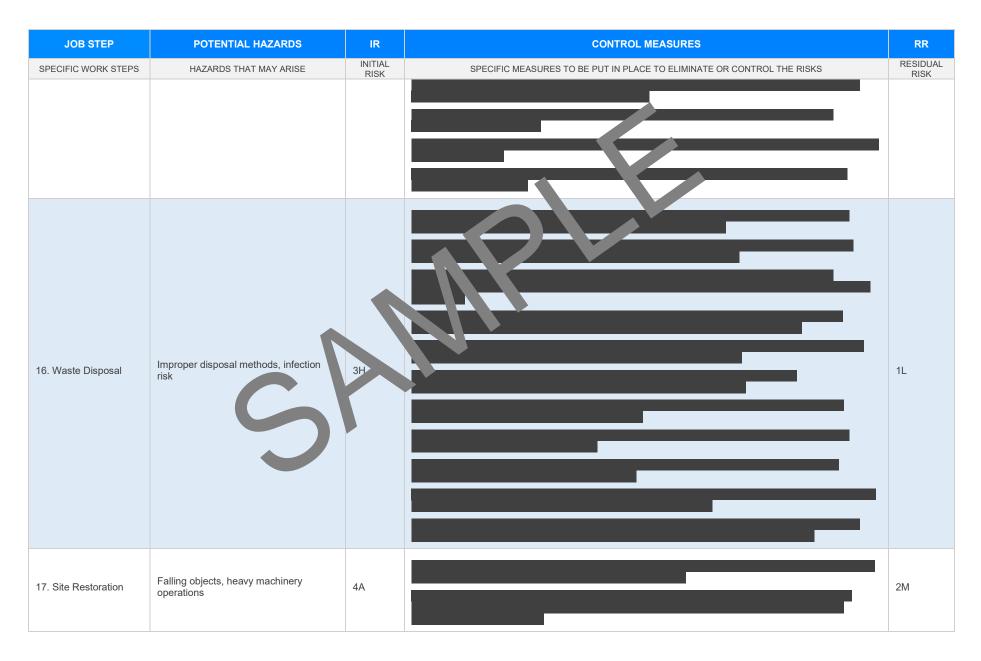


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13. Post-clearance Inspection	Missed blockages, structural damage			2M
14. Health check-up	Mental stress, physical injuries	ЗН		1L
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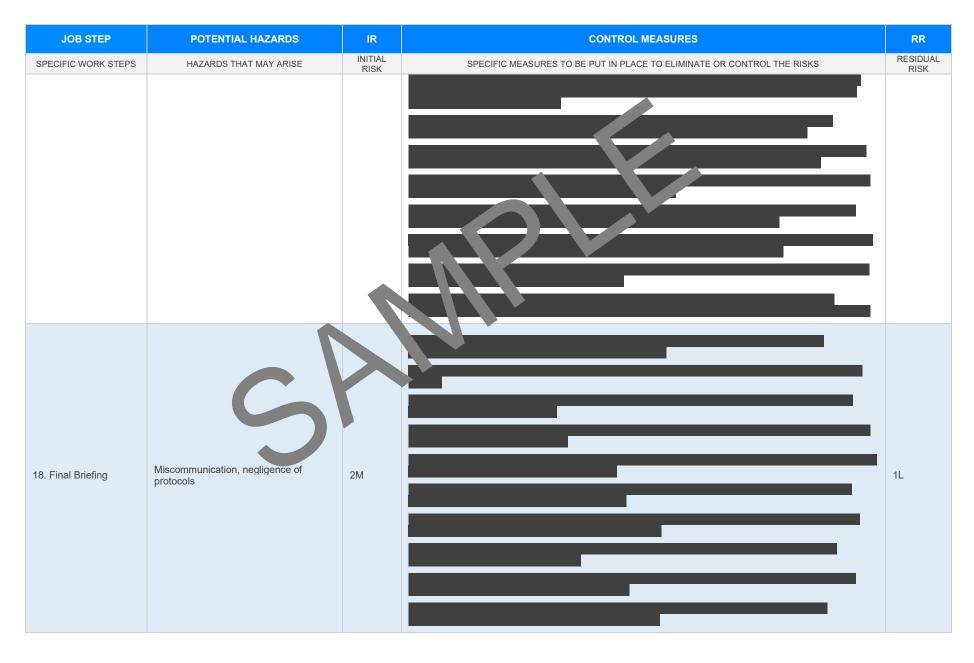












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19. Equipment Storage	Improper storage, damage to equipment	2М		1L
20. Document Update	Miscommunication, misleading data entry	2M		1L

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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 REF	ERENCES
RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISL	ATIVE REFERENCES DANY STATE DAT 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-of-practice Codes of Practice ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	Victoria Occupational Health au Safety Act 204 Occupational Health and pafety or gulations 2017 Legis non VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- rulat</u> is unles of mactice VIC <u>autps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</u>
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Northern Territory Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 2011 Legislation NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/weiplace-secure-laws</u> Codes of Practice NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/weiplace-secure-laws</u>	Safe Work Australia Links Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u> Model Codes of Practice: <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model- codes-of-practice</u> Model Codes of Practice
South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA) Legislation for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation</u> Codes of Practice for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_dces/codes-of-practice#COPs</u>	<ul> <li>Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work</li> <li>Confined spaces</li> <li>Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals</li> <li>Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace</li> <li>Welding processes</li> </ul>
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: <a href="https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations">https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</a> Codes of Practice for TAS: <a href="https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a>	<ul> <li>First aid in the workplace</li> <li>Managing the risk of falls at workplaces</li> <li>Hazardous manual tasks</li> <li>Managing the risk of falls in housing construction</li> <li>Managing electrical risks in the workplace</li> <li>Demolition work</li> <li>Excavation work</li> <li>Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination</li> </ul>
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.	<ul> <li>Managing the work environment and facilities</li> <li>How to manage work health and safety risks</li> <li>Managing risks of plant in the workplace</li> <li>Construction work</li> </ul>



#### 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 gualifications 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 N THE ST ATEM ANT MONITORING AND REVIEW

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The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains fective revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The viewn consultation with workers (including contractors htractors Vb 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 must ensure that persons involved with the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can acces he revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a region of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties antly with the revised SWMS. All workers that will be 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:

- 1. 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							



#### 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.		
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.	$\boxtimes$	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.	$\boxtimes$	
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.	$\boxtimes$	
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selection	$\boxtimes$	
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the property of the importation control measures.	$\boxtimes$	
Permit or licenses requirements specified, su as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.	$\boxtimes$	
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be use	$\boxtimes$	
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed protection on the SWMS.	$\boxtimes$	
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, and g or skills required to perform the work.	$\boxtimes$	
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.	$\boxtimes$	
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	$\boxtimes$	
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	$\boxtimes$	
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED	