



Surface Preparation	SAFE WORK METHOD S	TATEMENT (SWMS)	
TAS	K OR ACTIVITY: Surface Prepara	ation	
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 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 vell as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS S VMS MY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA, ¿ OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNI 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, 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	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	Administrative Change the work. Step of Controls: Elimination methods are the most effective and preferrence and control to the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the fire post engineering by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Eq. ment) to be least effective									

				PERS		TIVE EQUIPM					
		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:										
	Pe	ermit or Licen	ses Requirem	ents		Mandatory Qualifications 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, Electrocution	2M, 3H	 Conduct a site walk-through to identify and park any trip hazards such as uneven surfaces, cords, or debris. Implement clear signage to alert workers of park a tripping areas before starting the surface preparation work. Ensure all workers wear applicate personal productive calpment (PPE), including non-slip footwear. Arrange cords and a capacity and secure them war cable covers or tape to prevent tripping. Keep the worders well-like improvivisibility and reduce the risk of tripping over unseen objects. Use partable cound-fare circuit interactors (GFCIs) on power tools and electrical equipment to prevent electronion. Regular, aspects actrical tools for frayed cords, exposed wires, and other defects before use. Ensure that the electronic equipment is suitable for use in damp or wet conditions if necessary. Prohibit the use of personal electronics, such as headphones or mobile phones, to prevent distractions that any find to tripping accidents. Establic inno-obstacle zone around all powered equipment to minimize tripping incidents. nin workers on emergency response procedures in case of electrical shock or trips and falls. Ensure that extension cords are adequately rated for the electrical load to avoid overheating and potential fires. Monitor weather conditions, and halt operations during adverse weather that increases slip and trip risks. 	1L, 2M
2. Surface Cleaning	Skin Irritation from cleaning chemicals, Slipping	2M, 3H	 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and safety goggles to protect against skin and eye irritation from cleaning chemicals. Provide employee training on the proper handling and use of chemical cleaning agents, including reading safety data sheets. Implement a spillage response procedure to ensure quick cleanup of any spills to reduce slipping hazards. Ensure all cleaning chemicals are properly labelled and stored in accordance with workplace safety regulations. Use slip-resistant footwear to help prevent falls while moving around wet or recently cleaned surfaces. Restrict access to areas that are being cleaned until surfaces are completely dry and pose no slipping hazard. Ventilate the area adequately when using chemical cleaners to minimise inhalation risks and improve air quality. 	1L, 2M



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			- Substitute hazardous cleaning products with less aggressive alternatives where possible to reduce potential skin irritation.	
			- Establish clear signage indicating wet floors or or uning cleaning activities to alert workers and visitors.	
			- Conduct regular inspections of cleaning economic and supplies to ensure they are in good working condition and not contributing additional hards.	
			- Encourage immediate reporting of any skin in a time or adverse reactions experienced after exposure to cleaning substances for prompt assessment an extion.	
			- Implement local exhaust ventile on to reduce dust a mulation in the work area.	
			- Use a HEPA-formed vacuum to down up debrished dust regularly.	
			- Ensure all verse use are opriate a pire by protection suitable for the type of dust present.	
			- Pro adequate potential protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, and coveralls to preve and contain the hazardous substances.	
			- Condet as nonito at to assess levels of airborne contaminants and ensure they are below the permiss le exposure to its.	
			se was r mister or wet methods to minimise dust generation during removal activities.	
	Ingestion or Inhalation of dust, Skin	3F ₁ , 4	Esta delesignated eating and drinking areas away from the work zone to prevent ingestion of ontamin and materials.	
B. Removal of Old Paint	Burns		- truct workers on proper hygiene practices, including washing hands and face before breaks or after handling hazardous materials.	2M, 1L
			- Erect physical barriers or enclosures around the work area to contain dust and reduce exposure to nearby personnel.	
			- Display hazard signage to inform workers and bystanders of ongoing surface preparation and associated risks.	
			- Utilise non-toxic strippers and removal products where feasible to minimise chemical exposure.	
			- Limit the number of workers in the hazardous area to those essential for the task execution.	
		- Schedule regular rest breaks to prevent fatigue, which can lead to mistakes and increased exposure risk.		
			- Conduct thorough disposal practices for removed paint chips and dust, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.	
4. Patching and Repair	Cut, Strained Muscles	2M, 2M		1L, 1L



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5. Sanding Surface	Eye injury, Noise Pollution	3H, 2M		2M, 1L



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6. Dust Cleaning	Inhalation of fine particulates, Eye irritation	3H, 2M		2M, 1L
7. Priming	Chemical fumes inhalation, Skin Irritation from primer	3H, 2M		2M, 1L

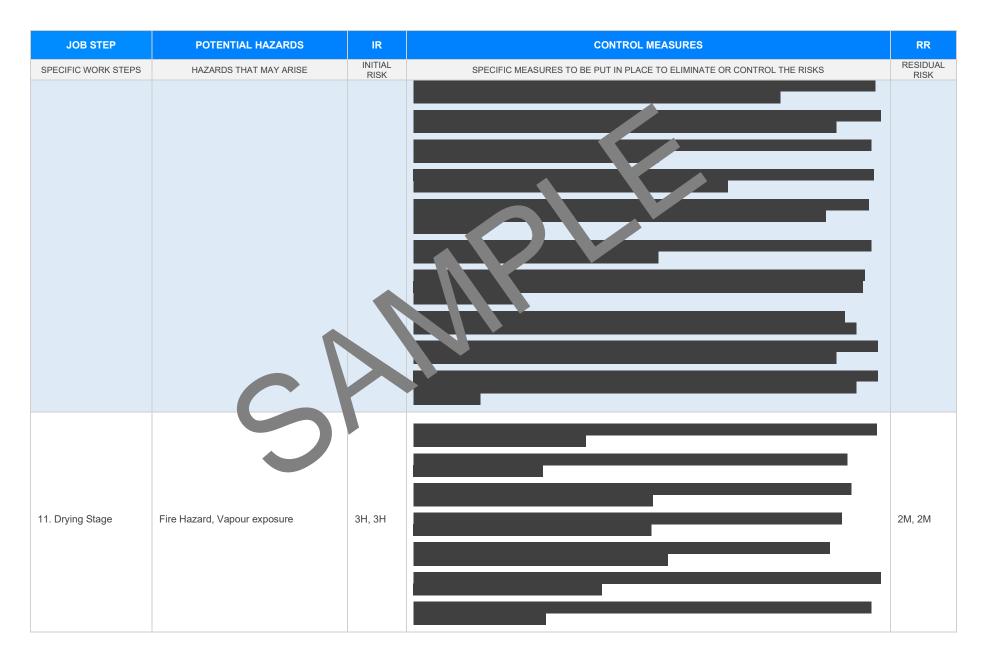


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8. Painting	Skin allergy from paint, Supplied due to wet floor	3H, 2M		2M, 1L



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9. Clean Up	Chemical Spillage, Cut from sharp tool	31 . M		2M, 1L
10. Waste Disposal	Physical Injury, Generation of harmful waste	3H, 3H		2M, 2M







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Tripping, Falling objects	2M, 3H		1L, 2M
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	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE INITIAL RISK	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE INITIAL RISK SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS



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13. Equipment Demobilisation	Muscle Strain, Impact injuries	2M, 2M		1L, 1L
14. Reporting and Documentation	Eye Strain, Work Stress	1L, 2M		1L, 1L



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15. Feedback Meeting	Work Stress, Accidental singuland trips	2M, 1L		1 L, 1L



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SPECIFIC WORK STEPS 16. Training	Poor understanding, Communication issues	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK
17. Maintenance and Repair	Injury from defective tools, Electrocution	3H, 3H		2M , 2M



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18. Emergency Procedure Training	Poor understanding, Panic accetion	2M, 2M		1 1L, 1L



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19. Compliance Verification	Non compliance, Legal issues	2M, 4A		1L, 2M
20. Audit and Review	Unidentified risks, Compliance lapses	3Н, 3Н		2M, 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/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 201

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 affety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.xsafe.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							

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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 pleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selections		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part the important control 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 an inoted 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 REVIEWE	D
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