



| Underwater Criminal Inves | tigation SAFE WORK MET | THOD STATEMENT (SWMS) | |
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| TASK OR A | ACTIVITY: Underwater Criminal Ir | nvestigation | |
| Business Name: | | ABN: | SWMS# |
| Business Address: | | | |
| Contact Person: | Phone: | E 111: | |
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| THIS SAFE WORK METHOD | STATEMENT IS APPRO' O 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 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 M | NA, 2 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 and in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, 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. | | | |

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| CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL | CONTRACTOR DETAILS |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the virtue ontrols by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equament) whe least effective | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | 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 |
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| Other PPE R | equired: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pe | ermit or Licen | ses Requirem | ents | | Mandatory Qualifications and Training | | | | | |
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| JOB STEP | POTENTIAL HAZARDS | IR | CONTROL MEASURES | RR |
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| 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 | Trip, slip and fall hazards, Poor lighting | 2M | Conduct a pre-dive safety briefing to identify and discuss potential trip, slip, and fall hazards specific to the preparation area. Use anti-slip mats or surfaces in areas where are unel are expected to prepare equipment or suit up for dives. Ensure that all work areas are vell-lit, utilizing point le lit using if natural or existing lighting is inadequate. Clearly mark as nighligh any unation surface adges, or changes in floor elevation within the preparation of a. Organize and a tre divide equipment's exematically to prevent clutter that could lead to tripping hazards. Implimit a barrie for guardrails around wet or slippery areas to minimise the risk of slipping and falling. Design attent likways and pathways with high-visibility tape or paint to guide personnel safely through the preparation at a sign at resonit presponsible for monitoring and maintaining cleanliness and orderliness in the preparation are to prevent hazard development. Provide appropriate and mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE), such as slip-resistant to wear, to all team members. Regularly inspect and maintain lighting fixtures to ensure they are functional, and provide adequate illumination at all times. Use cones, signs, or other visual warnings to indicate temporary hazards like recently cleaned floors that may be slippery. Train all personnel on emergency procedures and proper responses to falls, slips, or trips to reduce injury severity and facilitate quick aid. | 1L |
| 2. Checking Equipment | Equipment failure, Electrical hazards | 3H | Conduct regular maintenance and servicing of all diving equipment in compliance with manufacturer guidelines and industry standards. Perform thorough pre-inspection checks of all equipment before each underwater investigation to identify and rectify any issues. Use only tested and certified diving gear that meets Australian safety regulations for underwater operations. Ensure all electrical equipment used is rated for underwater use and is properly insulated to prevent electric shocks. Implement a tagging system for tracking equipment checks and repairs, ensuring no faulty equipment is in operation. | 1L |



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| | | | - Train all team members on recognising signs of equipment malfunction and emergency protocols for equipment failure. | | |
| | | | - Establish procedures for immediate reporting and placement of defective or damaged equipment during an investigation. | | |
| | | | - Require divers to use personal protective uipment defined specifically for underwater environments, including wetsuits and gloves. | | |
| | | | - Maintain spare parts and backup equipment of the to quickly replace any failing components without delaying the investigation. | | |
| | | | - Ensure that power sources an connections for electronic equipment are situated safely away from water exposure risks. | | |
| | | | - Develop a sungency plan for rap a evacurator or surfacing in case of equipment failures to minimise risk to divers. | | |
| | | azards 4A | - Cont of pre-dig safety briefing and risk assessment before entry. | | |
| | | | - Ensur all sonne re wearing appropriate personal flotation devices correctly. | | |
| | | | Use slip resist of footwear to reduce the risk of slipping near the water's edge. | | |
| | | | - Provide secure and stable platform or ladder for safe water entry and exit. | | |
| | | | Assign a redicated safety officer onshore to oversee activities and assist in emergencies. | | |
| | | | - ablish clear communication signals or use dive radios for effective underwater communication. | | |
| | | | Implement a buddy system to ensure divers are never alone underwater. | | |
| 3. Entry into Water | Drowning, Slip or tonazards | | - Have rescue equipment, such as life rings and throw ropes, readily available at the entry point. | 2M | |
| | | | - Monitor weather conditions continuously and halt operations in adverse conditions like strong currents or storms. | | |
| | | | - Ensure all team members are trained in CPR and water rescue techniques. | | |
| | | | - Use safety lines attached to divers and buoy markers to track diver location. | | |
| | | | - Install warning signs around the entry area to alert others of ongoing underwater operations. | | |
| | | | - Limit dive durations based on air supply and environmental conditions to prevent exhaustion. | | |
| | | | - Regularly inspect and maintain all diving gear to ensure it is functioning properly. | | |
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| Underwater Navigation | Poor visibility, Marine life encounters | 3H | | 2M | |
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| 5. Crime Scene Investigation | Biological hazards, Sharp object injuries | ЗН | | 2M |



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| 6. Collection of Evidence | Cross-contamination, Biohazards | 4A | | 2M |
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| 7. Recording Information | Water damage to equipment, Communication issues | 2M | | 1L |
| 8. Exit from Water | Exhaustion, Hypothermia | 3H | | 2M |



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| Debrief and Documentation | Miscommunication, Misidentification of evidence | 2M | | 1L |
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| 10. Equipment Maintenance | Improper handling, Equipment failure | | | 1L |
| 11. Decompression Procedures | Decompression sickness, Oxygen toxicity | 4A | | ЗН |



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| 12. Disposal of Biological Hazards | Infection transmission, Improper disposal | 3H | | 2M |



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| 13. Confidentiality Practices | Data breach, Personal information exposure | 4A | | 2 M |
| 14. Training Refresh | Outdated practices, Inadequate skills | 2M | | 1L |



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| 15. Emergency Drills | Injury during drill, Inadequate response to emergency | 2M | | 1L |



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| 16. Review of Procedures | Non-compliance, Opprocedu | 2M | | 1L |
| 17. Incident Reporting | Late reporting, Inaccurate reporting | 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 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/legislatide

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/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.csafe.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 |
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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 |
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| NAME | | | | | | | |
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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 |
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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. | \boxtimes | |
| 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 pupleted. | | |
| Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selective. | | |
| Responsible person is assigned and listed on the part 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 at 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. | | |
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