Vertical Rescue SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)							
ТА	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Vertical Resc	ue					
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#				
Business Address:							
Contact Person:	Phone:	E ail:					
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY 1						
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPRO' 'D BY THE PC. 'OF TP' - ROJECT Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or under tragent (PC. 1) is required to enume that a safe work method statement (SWMS) is prepared before the proposed work starts.							
Full Name:							
Signature:		Title:	Date:				
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	ppliance the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.					
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:				
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS SIMS MANAGEMENT AND 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 and in account with gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, such a company nice those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or contact hazard.							
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop 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-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.	

	PERS_VAL 1TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)										
	Select the appropriate PPL above suitably for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).										
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 Mandatory Qualifications and Training										

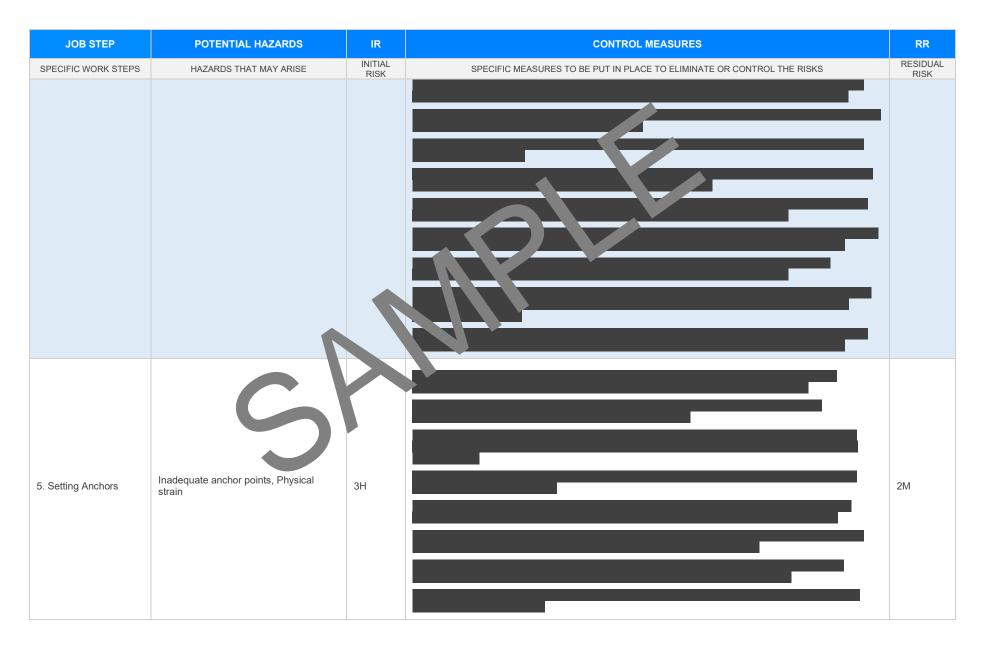


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SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK
1. Preparation	Slips, trips and falls, Incorrect handling of equipment	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough risk assessment before warting the rescue operation to identify potential hazards. Provide comprehensive training for all team nembers on the correct handling and use of vertical rescue equipment. Ensure that all equipment used is inspected price ouse and use is the necessary safety standards. Implement a buddy system where team members or nucleon over and assist each other in handling equipment propert. Clearly marked signpos my une on or sline standards to alert rescue personnel. Keep the wolk trea well of to prevent antity-related accidents. Required lipers on the war appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as helmets, gloves, and nucles inforties. Use burger on come of demarcate hazardous areas where slips, trips, and falls are likely. Organis all too and materials neatly in the designated areas to avoid clutter and potential tripping has use. Invelop and enforce a strict policy for regular breaks to reduce fatigue-related mistakes. Encourage open communication among team members including reporting potential risks immediately. Periodically review and update the safety measures based on feedback and any incident reports. Conduct daily briefings before beginning work to discuss specific hazards associated with the day's location and tasks. 	2M
2. Risk Assessment	Misidentification of hazards, Poor communication	ЗН	 Conduct a comprehensive initial risk assessment involving all team members to accurately identify potential hazards specific to the vertical rescue scenario. Utilise a standardised hazard identification checklist tailored for vertical rescue operations to ensure consistency and thoroughness in identifying risks. Implement continuous training programmes that include scenario-based exercises focusing on hazard identification and situation assessment to enhance team skill levels. Establish clear and precise communication protocols, including the use of radios and hand signals, to ensure effective information exchange among team members during the operation. Develop and regularly update a communication plan that specifies channels, key contacts, and backup systems to address any failures or emergencies. Set mandatory pre-rescue briefings and de-briefings to discuss identified hazards, control measures, and any changes in operation plans. 	2M



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			- Ensure that all team members are equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE) and understand the correct usage and maintenance requirements to prevent miscommunication over safety practices.	
			- Encourage an open environment where team methods feel safe to voice concerns and observations regarding potential hazards or lapses in safety mout fear of repercussion.	
			- Enforce a buddy system wherein team muchers consistently monitor and provide immediate feedback on each other's actions and safety compliant foster a layer of peer review.	
			- Incorporate real-time hazard monitoring tools is adrones or carteras that can relay situational updates to a central point, allowing for chamic assessment of response to emerging threats.	
			- Conduct post-operation analyse to evaluate the environmess of the communication and hazard identification proceeded, this way to refine and environce future risk assessments and protocol development	
			- Research y schemele formal inspections, and rescue equipment by a qualified safety inspector to ensure compared with a matian Standards and industry guidelines.	
			- Impletion, pre-us, shecklist for all equipment involved in vertical rescue operations, which must be completed by relaring tivity begins.	
		Source I equipment comes with manufacturer instructions and that these are followed rigorously during usa strage, and maintenance.		
			Provide emprehensive training to all workers on identifying signs of wear and tear or faults in the upment as part of ongoing safety education.	
			- Establish a mandatory reporting system where workers can report any issues or concerns with equipment without fear of repercussions.	
8. Equipment	Faulty equipment, adequ	ЗH	- Utilise tags or electronic logs to track the usage history and inspection records of each piece of equipment to maintain an updated audit trail.	1L
nspection	checks		- Enforce a strict replacement policy for any equipment found to be damaged or near expiration; never allow "make do" repairs or extended use beyond specified limits.	
			 Ensure that every new batch of equipment is verified for quality and compliance by undergoing a secondary independent review before it is employed in operations. 	
			- Require double-checking by a second qualified worker for critical pieces of equipment like harnesses and ropes after the initial setup is done.	
			- Mandate periodic refresher courses for all personnel on the proper care, maintenance, and inspection of rescue equipment.	
		- Set up random checks by internal safety officers at irregular intervals to ensure compliance and regular use of best practices around equipment handling and inspections.		
			- Make sure there are clear accountability measures in place, designating specific individuals responsible for each stage of equipment handling from inspection to deployment.	
. Site Access	Unsafe access to site, Unprotected edges	ЗН		2M





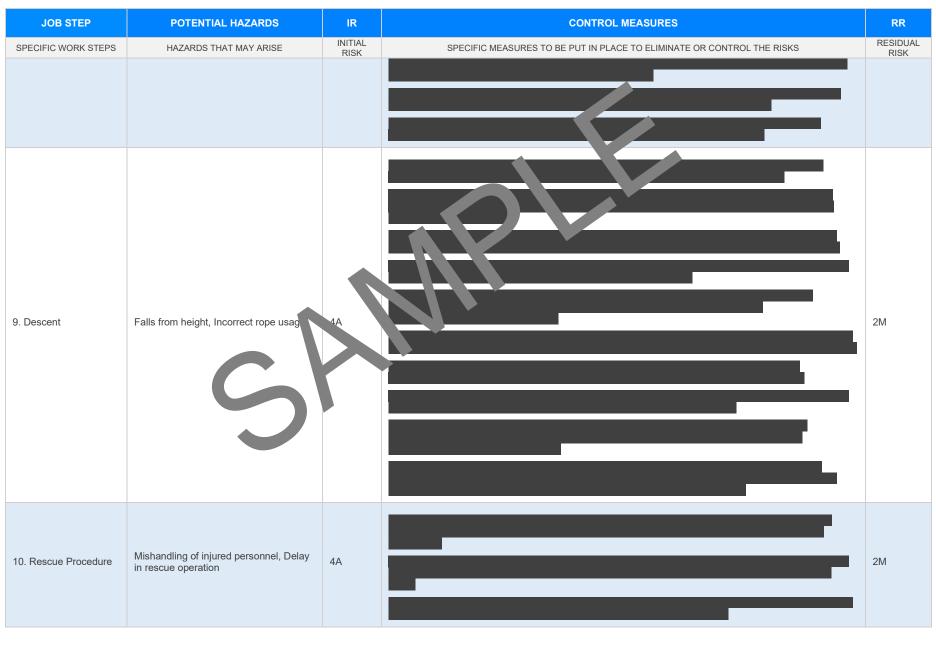


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6. Descender Rigging	Incorrect rigging setup, Component failure			2М
7. Communication Setup	Communication failures, Device malfunction	2M		1L

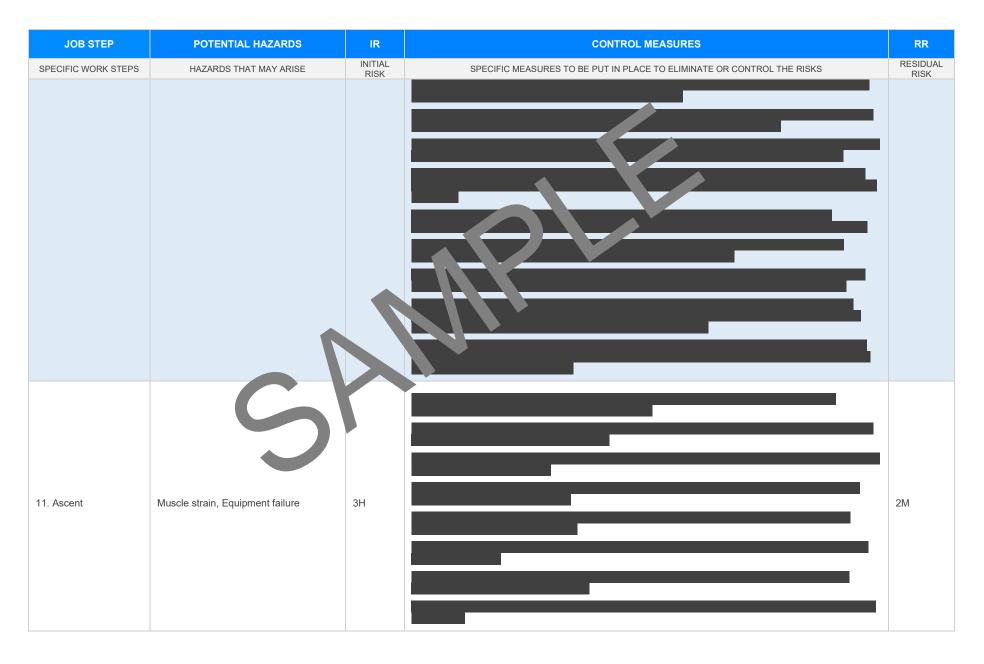




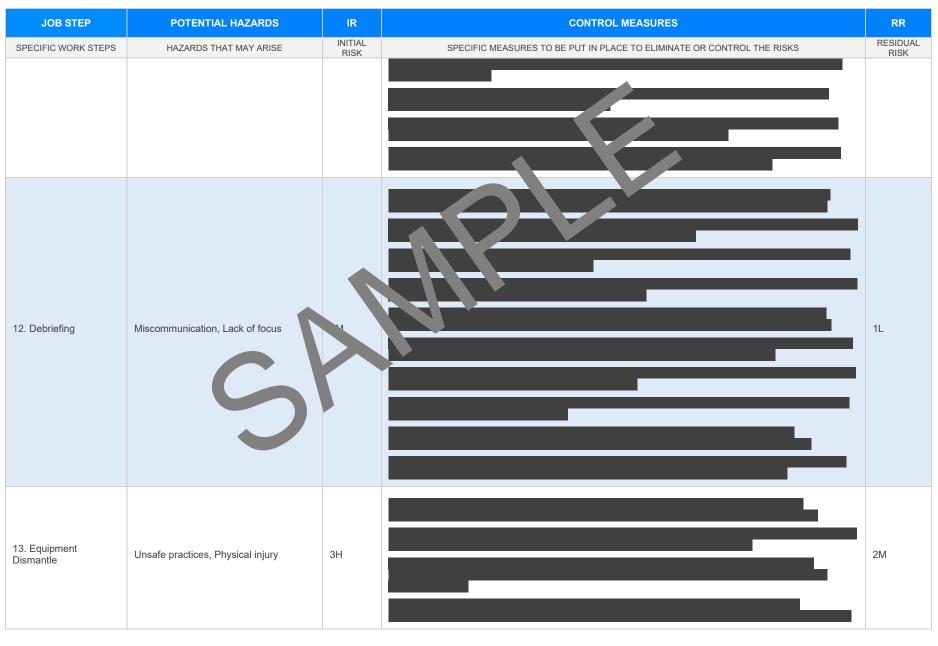








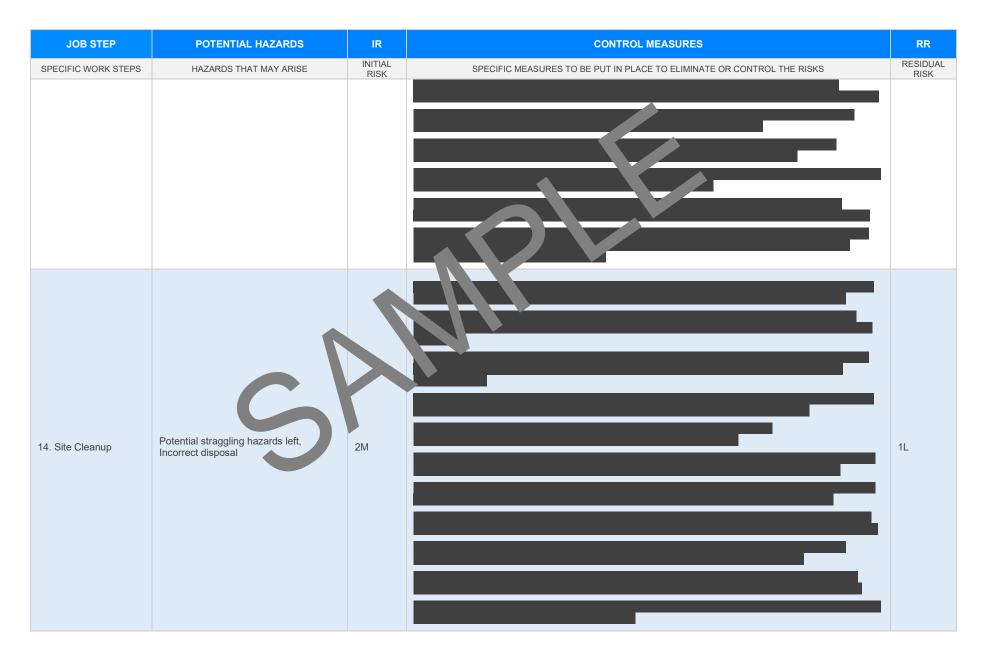




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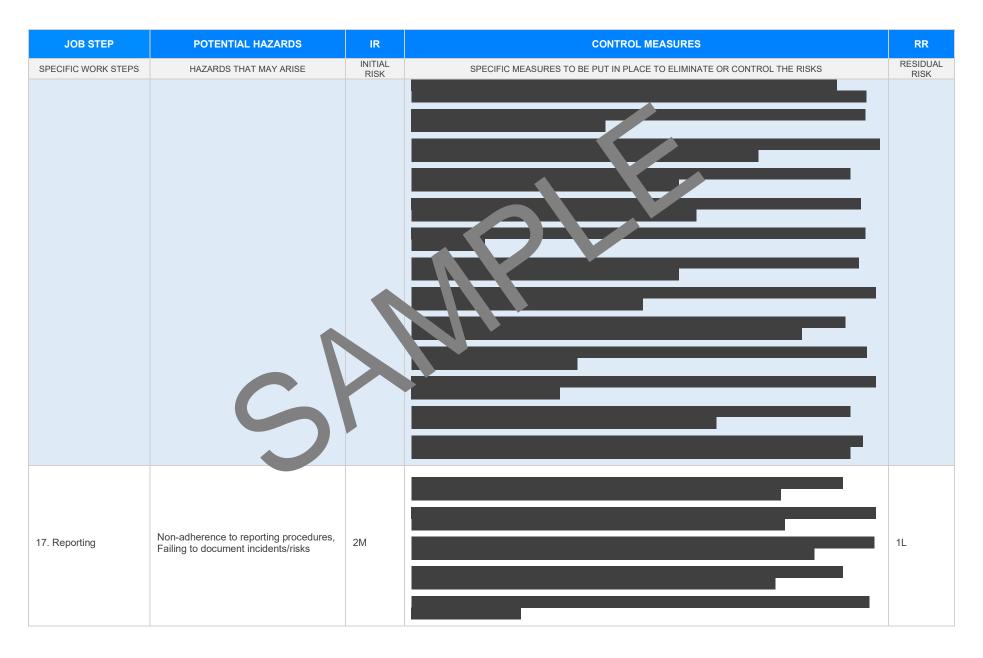






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15. Post-Rescue Review	Lack of retrospective and the Not addressing issues/topolems	U		1L
16. Equipment Maintenance	Improper maintenance procedures, Overlooking of wear and tear	ЗН		1L









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19. Review and Update SWMS	Outdated methods, Lack of incorporatid of new procedures/transmosysts			1L
20. Controls mplementation	Failure to implement risk controls, Repeated occurrences of hazards	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 REF	ERENCES					
RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES ANY STATE AT ARE NOT APPLICABLE						
Queensland & Australian Capital Territory Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 Legislation QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</u> Codes of Practice QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Legislation ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Codes of Practice ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u>	Victoria Occupational Health au Safety Act and 4 Occupational Health and a fety or gulations 2017 Legistron VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- gulations</u> of thes on mactice VIC <u>extps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</u>					
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Work Health and Safety Act 2020
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022
Legislation Western Australia: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</u>
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Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011
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Codes of Practice NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/ferresourcestors.compliance/weiplace-serv-laws</u></td><td>Safe Work Australia Links
Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u>
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Codes of Practice for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs</u></td><td> 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 </td></tr><tr><td>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	 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 					
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.	 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 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.	\square		
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 RE	VIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		