

Animal Handling	SAFE WORK METHOD ST	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
TA	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Animal Handl	ing	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E il:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE POST THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (N 3U) is	required to ture at 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	compliance of the SWMS well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS WMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	N. 1E AND DATED SIGNATURE OF A CO. MUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELO	LL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE B PMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with agislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the cond	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stead attely. 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.			



		CLI	ENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR D	ETAILS			
Client:						SCOPE OF WORKS		
Project Name:					Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwise			
Project Address:					known as cope of works).			
Project Manager:								
Contact Phone:								
Project Manager Sig	nature:							
Date SWMS supplie	d to Project Manager:							
		ANY HIGH-	RISK CON PUCT	N' JRK BEING	CARRIED OUT			
☐ involves a risk of a pe	erson falling more than 2 m	neters.		is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping.				
is carried out on a tel	ecommunication tower.		M + M	is carried out on	or near chemical, fuel or refrig	erant lines.		
☐ involves demolition o	f an element of a structure	that is load-be n.		is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.				
☐ involves demolition o	f an element related to the	physical integrit of a str	3.	is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.				
☐ involves, or is likely to	o involve, disturbing a	tos.		involves tilt-up or precast concrete.				
involves structural alt	eration or repair that re	upp to p	prevent collapse.	is carried out on,	, in or adjacent to a road, railwa	ay, shipping lane or other to	raffic corridor.	
is carried out in or ne	ar a confined space.			is carried out in a	an area of a workplace where t	here is any movement of p	owered mobile plant.	
is carried out in/near	a shaft or trench deeper th	nan 1.5m or tunnel involvin	g use of explosives.	is carried out in a	areas with artificial extremes of	temperature.		
is carried out in or ne	ar water or other liquid tha	t involves a risk of drowning	ng.	☐ involves diving w	vork.			
		ANY HI	IGH-RISK MACHINER	RY OR EQUIPMEN	IT NEARBY			
Forklift	☐ Crane/s	☐ Hoist/s	☐ Excavator	☐ Backhoe/Loader	☐ Boom Lift	☐ EWP	☐ Genie Lift	
☐ Trencher	☐ Drilling Rig	☐ Trucks	Formwork	☐ Bobcat	☐ Flammable Gas	☐ Fuel	☐ Dozer	
☐ High Voltage	☐ Mulcher	☐ Tilt-up Panels	Roller	☐ Scissor Lift	☐ Tractor	Other -		





PERL NAL TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING PPOTECTION	PROTE	SPIRATORY P STECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
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Select me appropriate PPE above suitable for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).

Note: A SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains effective. A SWMS must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The review process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and subcontractors) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When a SWMS has been revised, the person conducting a business or undertaking must ensure all:

- 1. persons involved in the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS;
- 2. persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a result of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties consistently with the revised SWMS: and.
- 3. workers that will be involved in the work are provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.



JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	NAME OF PERSON
1. Preparation	Slips, trips and falls, Animal bites or scratches	2M	 Ensure all workers have completed appropriate training in animal handling, including understanding animal behaviour and technolous to minimise the risk of injury. Inspect and maintain all necessary person protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety boots, and long-sleeved shirts in protect countst potential bites or scratches. Keep the work area clean and well-lit, free from outter and dot is that may cause slips, trips, and falls. Establish designate colousy in the work and in a from obstacles. Employ get calm, and on-threa signal reactions. Employ get calm, and on-threa signal reactions. Schirol routin coaks for handlers to rest and recover, reducing fatigue-related errors not sciden. Regul by conduct hand assessments and update Safe Work Method Statements SWMS, pignals are processes remain current and efficient in addressing potential restrictions. Post the warning signs in areas where animals are kept to notify other workers nout the epecific risks associated with animal handling and enforce exclusion zones were necessary. Implement a buddy system for workers when handling larger or unpredictable animals, ensuring support is available in case of an emergency. Provide easy access to first aid kits in the work area, along with an established procedure for reporting and treating any injuries sustained during animal handling. Establish clear communication channels between the team members and supervisors, reinforcing safe work procedures and encouraging open discussion regarding safety concerns. Assess each specific task with the animal and identify any hazards specific to that undertaking; devise suitable control measures tailored to address those particular risks, incorporating them into the SWMS. 	1L	
2. Restraining animals	Animal escapes, Injuries from handling tools	зн	 Proper training: Ensure all staff handling animals have completed appropriate training in animal restraint techniques to minimise the risk of escape and injury. Use of suitable equipment: Utilise appropriate restraining devices or tools, such as halters or lead ropes, specifically designed for the species and size of the animal being handled. Regular equipment maintenance: Inspect and maintain handling tools and restraint equipment regularly, replacing any damaged items immediately to limit risks associated with faulty gear. 	2M	



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			- Safely designed holding facilities: Design entry and exit points in holding pens to allow smooth movement of animals and minimise the chance of escape.		
			- Clear communication: Maintain clear communication among team members during the restraint process to ensure everyone is away of potential hazards and can work together efficiently and safely.		
			- Calm and stress-free environment: Keep no and aractions to a minimum to support a calm atmosphere and reduce animal area, which could contribute to incidents.		
			- Gradual Introduction: Introduction animals to restrain are fally and in a controlled manner, allowing the controlled familiar with the education and panic.		
			- Animal behaviour observe on: Alwa be the of animal behaviour and signs of distrest which hight indicate an increasing includes the control of the control		
			- App so te proceed clothing: Provide and enforce proper personal protective equipment PPE) was handling animals, such as gloves, closed-toe shoes, and long-sloves hirts, to hinimise injury risk from handling tools and animal interactions.		
			onitor g won, ads: Rotate team members involved in animal restraint or limit constating hours of work to prevent fatigue and reduced concentration levels that hay constate to errors and accidents.		
			- nergency planning: Develop an emergency plan that outlines procedures in case of animal escapes or other related incidents. This should include designated roles for staff, communication protocols, and contingencies for recapturing escaped animals.		
	6		- Continuous improvement: Regularly review and update practices to identify areas that might require additional precautions or improvements in processes, aiming to prevent potential mishaps related to animal restraint efforts.		
			- Adequate Training: Ensure all staff involved in feeding animals are properly trained in handling food and recognizing potential allergens in animal feed.		
			- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Provide appropriate PPE, such as gloves and masks, for staff to wear while handling animal feed to prevent exposure to allergens and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.		
3. Feeding animals	Foodborne illnesses, Allergic reactions	2M	- Cleanliness and Hygiene: Implement a strict cleaning schedule for all storage areas, food preparation surfaces, and feeding equipment to minimise contamination risks and maintain high hygiene standards.	1L	
			- Regular Health Checks: Routinely monitor the health of animals and identify any signs of foodborne illness or allergic reactions early, ensuring prompt treatment and control measures.		
			- Safe Storage Practices: Store animal feed securely and separately from human food, with distinct labels, to prevent cross-contamination and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.		



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			 Expiry Date Monitoring: Regularly check the expiry dates of animal feed and dispose of any expired products promptly, reducing the likelihood of spoiling and subsequent adverse reactions. 		
			- Documentation and Reporting: Maintain accuracy records of all food-related incidents and allergen information, enabling a rective monitoring and prevention of future problems.		
			- Food Temperature Control: Ensure that peris canimal feed is stored at the correct temperature to minimine bacteria growth a spoilage. It is ping both animals and handlers safe.		
			- Staff Allergen Awar Train, 'taff members on country allergens found in animal feed, instruming the control on his to recognise and respond to an allergic reaction appropriately.		
			- Pest Control asures applement as a priate pest control measures in feeding and some area proporting contamination of animal feed and reducing the risk of foodby in these		
			 Perso all priene: a courage strict personal hygiene practices among staff, includin han rashing efore and after handling animal feed, to minimise the read coacte and other contaminants. 		
			- Decrease eeding Instructions: Provide clear written instructions for feeding each nimal screen, outlining their specific dietary requirements and safety precautions ensure the wellbeing of both animals and handlers.		
4. Cleaning enclosures	Mould exposure, Chemical burns from cleaning agents	2M		1L	



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5. Providing medical care	Needlestick injuries, Spread of zoonotic diseases	ЗН		2M	



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6. Transporting animals	Injury during lifting, Vehicle accidents	3Н		2M	



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7. Monitoring animal behaviour	Aggressive behaviour, Noise-induced hearing loss	2M		1L	



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8. Training animals	Unpredictable actions, Repetitive motion strains	2M		1L	



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9. Animal waste disposal	Biohazard exposure, Lifting injuries	2M		1L	



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10. Facility maintenance	Electric shock, Falls from height	ЗН		2M	



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11. Record keeping	Ergonomic issues, Eye strain	1L		1L	



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12. Emergency response	Panic or stampedes, Ineffective communication	3H		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/legislati

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis > odes-or 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-syllaws

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/5

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/legislation

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.safe.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	Pos	sition	Signature	Date	Time	Sup	pervisor	
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	SAF WO A STHED STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW							
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REVIEW NUMBER	<u> </u>	□ 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	TO BE DONE	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.			
Names and signatures of all relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.		P	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.			
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	P		
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 SWI			
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.			
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecting sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of contameasures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vorat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be u d.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed at noted on the SWMS.			
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience raining skills required to perform the work.			
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.			
Lists any required permits or licenses.			
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 R	EVIEWED	
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