

Emergency Rescue From Confir	ned Spaces SAFE WORK	METHOD STATEMENT (SW	/MS)
TASK OR ACTIV	/ITY: Emergency Rescue From (Confined Spaces	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E ail:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE PC. 'OF TP' ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conductive proposed work starts.	acting a business or und	required to elect that a safe work method	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:	NY	Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	compliant e of the SWIL as well as re	eviews and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS VMS HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	NEL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND F THIS SWMS	COMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in according e with regislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, to continue the those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or con			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must standardly. 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 CONSTRUCTOR	ON WC & BEIN C & RIED 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-hearing	☐ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical interrity structure	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere
☐ involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing as	☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete
involves structural alteration or repair the requires to rary so port 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 an or 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	Y OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY



RISK MATRIX											
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION		HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS		
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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.		Isolation Isolate People from the hazard		
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	nitor and records		Engineering Isolate the hazard.		
is the second m	archy of Controls: nost effective methologing the work is	od of controlling a	a hazard. Engine	ering by isolat	ion is the nost of	e. tive, while	ard. Substitution e Administrative least effective		Administrative Change the work.		

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FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	THE ARING STION	P _cCTION	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	ients		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	Slips, trips or falls, hazardous substances exposure	2M	- Conduct a thorough risk assessment before beginning work, identifying potential hazards associated with the specific confined space. - Ensure all workers involved are trained in confined space entry procedures, hazard recognition, and emergency response. - Develop and implement a confined space entry procedures, hazard recognition, and emergency response. - Use appropriate to prote tive equipment (Py, ≥) for each task, including slip-resistant footwear, gloves, helmethand resployory protection if no essary. - Install temporary barrier or signage to any demarcate the work area and prevent unauthorized accee. - Keen tho work are well-lift to improve visibility and reduce the risk of slips, trips, and falls. - Ensuly the all tools and equipment used are suitable for use in confined spaces and are regularly inspect of for bults. - Install temporary the following measures to maintain clean and orderly conditions that minimise the risk of signal of trips. - Prepare and position emergency rescue equipment close to the entry point of the confined space. - Insularly train employees on emergency response and rescue techniques specific to the confined space scenarios encountered. - Establish continuous communication lines between team members inside the confined space and those stationed outside for monitoring and quick response. - Engage qualified safety officers to oversee the entry operations and ensure compliance with safety standards at every step. - Review and update the SWMS document regularly to incorporate any changes in work practices, lessons learnt from past incidents, or updated legal requirements.	1L
2. Pre-work briefing	Miscommunication, misinformation	2M	 Conduct a comprehensive pre-work briefing with all team members involved in the rescue operation, ensuring clarity on everyone's roles and responsibilities. Use standardised communication protocols and terminology to prevent misunderstandings during the emergency response. Provide written materials including checklists and flowcharts to supplement verbal briefings, ensuring all information is accurately conveyed and understood. Implement a verification process where team members repeat back the information received during the briefing to confirm understanding. Assign a point person or briefing leader who is trained in effective communication techniques and familiar with the specifics of confined space rescue operations. 	1L



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			- Ensure all team members are proficient in both verbal and non-verbal communication methods, such as hand signals, especially in environments where hearing might be impaired.	
			- Schedule frequent refresher training sessions or ammunication protocols and emergency procedures specific to confined spaces.	
			- Utilise visual aids like diagrams and image of the confered space and surrounding area to provide clear, detailed information during the briefing.	
			- Record the briefing sessions for review and quant control purposes, ensuring that any discrepancies in information delivery can be contified and addressed.	
			- Develop a feedback loop with team members of a questions and express concerns after the briefing, guarante and any less of misinformation are rectified prior to starting work.	
			- Conduct regular maintenance and the checks on all equipment before use to ensure they are in proposition and the checks on all equipment before use to ensure they are in	
			- Prove ining all workers on the correct use of each piece of equipment specific to confined space rescue	
			- Use of requirement to the meets Australian Standards and manufacturer guidelines for confined space try and rescu	
			- Impute ta checklist for pre-use inspection of equipment by qualified personnel to identify any potential palfunctions or defects.	
3. Equipment check	Equipment failure, inapprepriate use o		- sure that all rescue equipment has redundancy built in, such as backup devices or systems, to mitigate the risk of single-point failure.	1L
	equipment		- Keep a detailed log of equipment maintenance, inspections, and usage to track deterioration and schedule replacements.	
			- Equip workers with personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the type of confined spaces they will enter, ensuring it complies with relevant safety standards.	
			- Designate a competent person to oversee the set-up and use of equipment during rescue operations, capable of identifying and rectifying incorrect setups or usage.	
			- Regularly update training protocols to reflect new technologies and methods in confined space rescue to ensure ongoing competency in the use of evolving equipment.	
			- Engage external safety audits periodically to review equipment setup, usage, and compliance with the latest workplace health and safety regulations.	
4. Entry into confined	Entry into confined Entrapment, oxygen deficiency, harmful	4A		2M
space	gases	,		



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5. Work in confined	Risk from hazardous substances, risk of			
space	falling objects	4A		3H



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6. Managing environmental factors	lanaging Fire or explosion, hysiological stress due to heat or co	4A		2M
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7. Emergency rescue procedures	Incorrect handling of injured person, inadequate first aid	ЗН		2M
8. Exit confined space	Risk of falling while exiting, slips, trips or falls, fatigue	3Н		2M



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9 Debriefing and report				
9. Debriefing and report writing	Miscommunication, misinformation	2M		1L



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10. Cleanup and decontamination	Exposure to hazardous substances, improper waste disposal	ЗН		2M
11. Equipment inspection and maintenance	Potential for undetected faults in equipment, injuries during inspection	2M		1L



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12. Identifying future risks	Inaccurate risk assessment, overloopotential hazards	1 1L		1L



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13. Training and skill development	Inadequate training leading to accidents, repetition of mistakes due to lack of learning opportunities	ЗН		2M
14. Reviewing and updating safety procedures	Inadequate adherence to updates, overlooking changes in standards or regulations	2M		1L



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15. Post-emergency review	Miscommunication, lack of follow-up on identified issues	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

N ANY STATEMAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

Queensland & Australian Capital Territory

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Legislation QLD: https://www.worksafe.qld.qov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws Codes of Practice QLD: https://www.worksafe.gld.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/legi

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-librar

Northern Territory

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 201

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 26

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance orkpla

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.a nd-reso

South Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (S

Legislation for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources

Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/w laces/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

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- Legis ion VIC: https://v rksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-
- ttps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice des of actice VV

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/modelcodes-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 'THIS 'S' ITEM ON MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remain effect, and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The view as should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors as unputractors of the SWMS and their health and safety registeratives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBD mest ensure the advised that a revision has been made and how they can accept 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 the theoretical 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:

- Spot Checks.
- 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.	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.	\boxtimes	
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SW. S.		
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) column sympleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective sections.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the placenta. Of control measures.		
Permit or licenses requirements specified, so in as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Work at Heights etc.		
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be		
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment lister are noted on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, ang 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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