

Forklift Work Platfor	m   SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASI	K OR ACTIVITY: Forklift Work Pla	tform	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E fil:	
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 (I 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 scheded in accordance with agislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, hazards and then to further take steps to either the condition of	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must structurately. 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	Poor lighting, Uneven flooring	2M	<ul> <li>Install adequate and proper lighting systems to ensure sufficient visibility in the work area, reducing the risk of accidents caused by the righting conditions.</li> <li>Perform regular inspections of the flooring in the work area, identifying any uneven or damaged areas that could pose a risk to the suffit operators and other personnel.</li> <li>Implement proactive maintenance procedure to render or replace uneven flooring, ensuring that all areas of the work platform are to be and level to minimise the risk of forklift tip-overs.</li> <li>Provide regular training sessures for forklift operators on a importance of maintaining safe special and maintenance to the sufficient provides on in long aftitions.</li> <li>Position clear signage and lazard with nines around the work area, informing staff of potential hands due to uneven floor foor insufficient lighting, so that they can make our medical signage and lazard with nines around the work area, informing staff of potential hands due to uneven floor foor insufficient lighting, so that they can make our medical signage and lazard with nines around the work area, informing staff of potential hands due to uneven floor foor insufficient lighting, so that they can make our medical signage and lazard with suitable headlights and/or reflective markings, enhancing their vit bility to other orkers and increasing overall safety during operation in low-light environments.</li> <li>Court to free out communication between team members throughout the work products that everyone is aware of any potential risks or hazards, and they can espond to ordingly to mitigate them.</li> <li>Intablish designated exclusion zones around forklift operations where possible, preventing unauthorised personnel from entering the work area and ensuring a safer working environment.</li> <li>Develop emergency protocols for incidents involving poor lighting or uneven flooring, including immediate shutdown of forklift operations, notification of supervisors, elimination of hazards, and investi</li></ul>	1L	
2. Inspection	Electrical faults, Hydraulic leaks	ЗН	<ul> <li>Conduct a thorough pre-use equipment inspection, including checking for any visible electrical faults such as frayed wires, loose connections, and damaged insulation on all electrically powered parts of the forklift.</li> <li>Ensure that all electrical components are correctly rated for their intended use, properly maintained, and in good working order at all times. Replace or repair any faulty components as needed.</li> <li>Never operate the forklift with wet hands or around standing water to prevent the risk of electrocution. Also, keep water and dampness away from its electrical components.</li> </ul>	1L	



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			- Implement regular inspection and maintenance schedules for hydraulic systems, including checking for leaks, proper fluid levels, and signs of wear or damage to hoses, valves, and other components.		
			- Clean up any hydraulic fluid spills immediately ung appropriate materials and methods, including following cleanup processes according to Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and disposing of used absorbents in proved was a containers.		
			- Make sure that workers operating or working completed relevant training courses and certifications, understand how to identify potential hazards associated to helectrical faults and hydronic leaks, and know proper emergency response placeds.		
			- Establish clear community ion connels between all workers involved in forklift work platform perations, so hey concerns or issues regarding electrical fault or hydraulic paks durity in actions.		
			- In or of susplice ectrical fault or nydraulic leak happening during an inspect of halt the veration immediately and have the issue resolved by a qualified technic in fore remaining work.		
			- Regular y regiments and date forklift work platforms' Safe Work Method Statements WMS) consisting new hazards identified during inspections and possible control matures with the involvement of workers and supervisors.		
			Provide cessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety sses, and protective footwear to mitigate the possibility of injury due to electrical factor hydraulic leaks during inspections.		
			Provide adequate training and refresher courses to all forklift operators on correct procedures for loading and unloading materials using a work platform.		
			- Ensure that operators possess valid licenses or certifications for operating the specific type of forklift being used.		
			- Maintain pre-operational inspection checklists to ensure the forklift is in proper working order before commencing any work activities involving the work platform.		
3. Loading	Toppling over, Falling objects	4A	- Establish and enforce designated loading/unloading zones, marked with clear signage, to keep unauthorised personnel out of harm's way.	2M	
			- Implement a Falling Objects Protective Structure (FOPS) on the forklift operating during loading/unloading activities to safeguard workers from potential overhead hazards.		
			- Attach warning tags and flags onto any extended or elevated loads to increase visibility for fellow workers and prevent accidental contact or collisions.		
			- Utilise a load stabilization system, such as attachable booms or brackets, to ensure proper balance and securement of materials being transported on the work platform.		



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			- Develop an effective communication protocol between forklift operators and surrounding workers to ensure clear awareness of any ongoing operations and potential site risks.		
			- Apply well-lit conditions for loading and unloaning tasks, along with retroreflective markings on the forklift and work platform to an ance their visibility.		
			- Employ appropriate weight limits for vehicle ccord to the manufacturer's guidelines and never exceed these limits durin adding process.		
			- Ensure personnel working solose proximity to conforklift long maintain appropriate personal protective quipment (PPE) solose and attached hats, high-visibility vests, and steel-toed solose are solosed.		
			- Keep a period maintenage regular in place detect and address any identified defects or major english in the right of the		
		- Control is over a copy a supervisor or designated competent person should be enforced to ling any ading operations to guide safe practices and identify potential discrepancial in site, cedures.			
			Emplo, an engency stop mechanism on the forklift for immediate cessation of a ration if a hardous situation arises to minimise associated risks and prevent furthers lation of incidents.		
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4. Unloading	Crushing, Twisting injuries	3H		1L	



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5. Maneuvering	Collision, Pedestrian accidents	2M		1L	



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6. Parking	Roll-away, Collision	2M		1L	



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7. Charging	Fire hazards, Electrical hazards	ЗН		2M	



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8. Maintenance	Faulty components, Poor lubrication	2M		1L	



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9. Storage	Blocked aisles, Unauthorized access	2M		1L	



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10. Traffic Management	Vehicle collision, Limita ity			2M	



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11. Emergency Procedures	Inadequate resport, Miscommunicatio	2M		1L	



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12. Training and Certification	Incomplete training, Lack wiess	ЗН		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

 $\textbf{Legislation QLD:} \ \underline{\textbf{https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws}$ 

Codes of Practice QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a> Legislation ACT: <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</a>

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/legislative

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis codes-of ractice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis codes-of-ractice NSW

#### **Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 2011

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/wo\_place-

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/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: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</a>

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	Supe	ervisor
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The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to rake sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are reviewed are reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are reviewed are reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are reviewed are reviewed by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who redesented that work group at the workplace.  When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU must ensure that all persons involved with the work are 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 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. 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	<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 secutions.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of contameasures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vocat 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 reining 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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