

## Grout Pumping | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)

### TASK OR ACTIVITY: Grout Pumping

Business Name:

ABN:

SWMS#

Business Address:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

### THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PCBU OF THE PROJECT

Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) is required to ensure 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 and compliance of the SWMS as well as reviews and modifications of the SWMS.

Full Name:

Title:

Phone:

ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS SWMS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED

NAME OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COMMUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS

Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheduled in accordance with legislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, then to communicate those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or control each hazard.

If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop immediately. 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:

Project Name:

Project Address:

Project Manager:

Contact Phone:

Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager:

## SCOPE OF WORKS

## ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING CARRIED 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

☐ is 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 integrity of a structure

☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere

☐ involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asbestos

☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete

☐ involves structural alteration or repair that requires temporary support 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 than 2m 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 MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY

## RISK MATRIX

LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION	HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE			<b>Elimination</b> Remove the hazard.
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCEED	<b>Substitution</b> Replace the hazard.
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.	<b>Isolation</b> Isolate People from the hazard
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	<b>Engineering</b> Isolate the hazard.
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	Monitor and keep records	<b>Administrative</b> Change the work.
<b>Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:</b> Elimination methods are the most effective and preferred when controlling a hazard. Substitution is the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the third most effective, while Administrative Controls by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is the least effective method.								<b>PPE</b>

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Select the appropriate PPE above suitable for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).

FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING PROTECTION	EYE PROTECTION	RESPIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
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Other PPE Required:

## Permit or Licenses Requirements

## 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	Trip hazards, Manual handling injuries	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a site inspection to identify and remove any objects or debris that could cause trip hazards.</li> <li>- Ensure adequate lighting is present in all work areas to prevent tripping over unseen obstacles.</li> <li>- Use brightly coloured tape or safety cones to mark any potential trip hazards that cannot be immediately removed.</li> <li>- Arrange cords, hoses, and other equipment neatly away from walkways to minimize tripping risk.</li> <li>- Provide clear pathways and walkways free of obstruction to facilitate safe movement around the worksite.</li> <li>- Train workers in proper manual handling techniques to reduce the risk of strains and sprains.</li> <li>- Use mechanical aids such as dollies or trolleys for transporting heavy loads to minimise manual handling risks.</li> <li>- Ensure all workers are wearing appropriate footwear with good grip to prevent slips and trips.</li> <li>- Schedule regular checks to ensure control measures are adhered to, revising as necessary.</li> <li>- Limit the weight of grout bags or containers to allow for safer manual lifting by workers.</li> <li>- Instruct workers to take breaks and rotate tasks to avoid fatigue-related manual handling injuries.</li> <li>- Store tools and materials in designated areas to reduce clutter and potential tripping points.</li> <li>- Develop a traffic management plan to control pedestrian and machine movement, minimising trip risk.</li> </ul>	1L
2. Pump Set Up	High pressure system failure, Lifting heavy equipment	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a pre-start equipment inspection to identify any signs of wear or damage in hoses, pumps, and connections.</li> <li>- Ensure that all personnel are trained and competent in handling high-pressure systems and heavy equipment.</li> <li>- Use lifting aids or mechanical hoists to lift and position heavy equipment, reducing manual handling risks.</li> <li>- Establish an exclusion zone around the pump setup area to minimise exposure to potential system failures.</li> <li>- Regularly maintain and service all equipment according to manufacturer's guidelines to prevent failure due to neglected parts.</li> <li>- Ensure all couplings and connections are secure before starting the grout pump to prevent leaks and pressure build-up.</li> <li>- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, safety glasses, and hearing protection appropriate for the task.</li> <li>- Develop and communicate emergency procedures specific to high-pressure system failures and potential spillages.</li> </ul>	2M

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement a buddy system during setup to ensure at least two people are present to assist with lifting and emergencies.</li> <li>- Display clear and visible signage warning of high pressure hazards and lifting operations around the worksite.</li> </ul>	
3. Hose Set Up	Exposure to grout, Tripping over hoses	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a pre-worksite inspection to identify potential tripping hazards and plan hose routes accordingly.</li> <li>- Use bright-colored hoses or markings on the hoses to improve visibility and reduce the risk of trips and falls.</li> <li>- Ensure that all workers wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves, eye protection, and fall protection to prevent exposure to grout.</li> <li>- Train all crew members on the safe handling of hoses and the importance of avoiding sharp bends or kinks that may impair flow or cause pressure build-up.</li> <li>- Deploy warning signs and barriers around areas where hoses are placed to alert workers and site visitors to potential trip hazards.</li> <li>- Regularly inspect hoses for damage or leaks before use; immediately repair or replace any defective parts to prevent grout exposure.</li> <li>- Secure hoses with appropriate fasteners at intervals to keep them in place and minimize movement that could cause tripping.</li> <li>- Designate specific walkways for workers and ensure that hoses do not cross pedestrian paths whenever possible.</li> <li>- Implement spill control procedures, including having spill kits readily available to contain and clean up any accidental grout spills promptly.</li> <li>- Provide adequate lighting in areas where hoses are set up, especially in low-light conditions or indoors, to enhance visibility.</li> <li>- Position hoses as close as possible to the work area to minimize hose length and reduce the chances of tangling or tripping.</li> <li>- Assign a spotter to monitor hose setup and provide guidance to workers when moving hoses or equipment around the worksite.</li> </ul>	1L
4. Grout Preparation	Exposure to dust and chemicals, Slips on wet surfaces	3H	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	1L

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5. Filling the Mixer	Overexertion injuries, Exposure to moving parts	2M	<div>SAMPLE</div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>	1L

Equipment start, Projectiles

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injuries

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9. Transporting Equipment	Vehicle accidents, Strikes against objects	2M	<div>SAMPLE</div>	1L
10. End of Day Clean Up	Exposure to hazardous substances, Manual handling injuries	2M		1L

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16. Waste Material Disposal	Exposure to hazardous substances, Incorrect disposal procedures	3M		1L
17. Storage of Equipment	Manual handling injuries, Slips, trips and falls	3H		2M



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SAMPLE

## 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 REFERENCE IN ANY STATE THAT 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>

### Victoria

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Legislation VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations>

Codes of Practice VIC: <https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-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/legislation>

Codes of Practice NSW: <https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/codes-of-practice>

### 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>

### Northern Territory

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2012

Legislation NT: <https://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplace-safety-laws>

Codes of Practice NT: <https://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-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

### 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/workplaces/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://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations>

Codes of Practice for TAS: <https://www.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.

## 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 METHOD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

**The SWMS must be reviewed regularly** to make sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The review must be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and sub-contractors) 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 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	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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) column completed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective solutions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the implementation of control measures.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Permit or licenses requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Work at Heights etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be used.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed are noted on the SWMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, training or skills required to perform the work.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED	