

Lawn Edger S	AFE WORK METHOD STAT	EMENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Lawn Edge	r	
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	statement (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 egislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions inical 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 steam ately. 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:					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.		$H \cap H$	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, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.							
is carried out in or ne	ar 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 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	Tripping hazards, overhead power lines	2M	 Proper housekeeping: Ensure the worksite is well-organised and clutter-free to minimise tripping hazards related to tools, equipment or debris. Visual inspection: Conduct a thorough visual in pection of the worksite, identifying any tripping hazards such as holes or unever ground, and address these issues before beginning work. Appropriate footwear: Workers must wear support and address these issues offering sufficient grip on various surfaces to pre-int slips and/ors. Adequate lighting: Ensure address to pre-int slips and/ors. Adequate lighting: Ensure address to pre-int slips and/ors. Adequate lighting: Ensure address to pre-int slips and/ors. Hazard marks of Clearly to rk idea field hazards. Hazard marks of Clearly to rk idea field hazards such as cables, holes, or other obstructions of thigh-visit marks specified hazards, or signage. Are operated to the address of the proper training on safe use and operation of the lawn editor of lawn enditor of the lawn editor of lawn enditors. Communications: Establish clear lines of communication between team members, enabling quick responses in case of an incident or emergency. Emergency plan: Have a well-prepared emergency plan in place, including details of firs	1L	
2. Site inspection	Slippery surfaces, uneven terrain	2M	 Prior to commencing work, conduct a thorough site inspection to identify potential hazards such as slippery surfaces and uneven terrain that may pose a risk to workers. Ensure all workers have completed a site-specific induction, highlighting the identified hazards and control measures in place. 	1L	



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			- Implement appropriate signage and barrier controls around hazardous areas to alert workers and prevent access to unsafe zones.		
			 Provide appropriate personal protective equipment. PE) for workers, such as slipresistant footwear and high-visibility clothing, trainimise the risk of slips, trips, and falls. Instruct workers on proper lifting techniques and error price practices to avoid injuries associated with working on sloped or unconstructed. 		
			- Schedule regular breaks for orkers to reduce it the and contain focus during tasks, especially when working challenging environmental in the slippery terrain.		
			- Use well-maintain and tools for the task (e.g., adjustable-height lawn editions), ensure they capable and ling the specific ground conditions.		
			- Recordy inspect and countain equipment, including checking for any damages or wear the country compromise safety, and promptly repairing or replacing parts a moded.		
			- Estable h de anated calkway paths within the worksite, marked with visible lines or markets, to the guide worker movement and reduce the likelihood of slip and trip he ards.		
			Imple to a buddy system or check-in protocol to ensure regular communication tween workers, particularly when operating in isolated or challenging work comments.		
			In case of extreme weather conditions causing a significant increase in hazard levels (e.g., heavy rainfall leading to extremely slippery surfaces), consider delaying work until conditions improve.		
	5		- Conduct ongoing safety audits and encourage feedback from workers to continuously improve safety practices, identify emerging issues or hazards, and develop new strategies for minimising risk during site inspections and lawn edging tasks.		
			- Inspect all electrical cords and connections before use to ensure they are free from damage, frays, or exposed wires.		
			- Only use equipment with a current test tag to verify it has been recently tested for electrical safety.		
3. Equipment setup	Electrical faults, sharp blades	3H	- Ensure that any extension cords used are appropriate for outdoor use and have a suitable amperage rating for the equipment being used.	2M	
			- Avoid using equipment in wet conditions, unless specifically designed for such environments.		
			- Ensure that all workers are trained in the proper usage and handling of the lawn edger, specifically focusing on maneuvering techniques near and around potential hazards like the sharp blades.		



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			- Utilise appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, eye protection, and steel-toed boots while operating the lawn edger.		
			- Regularly maintain the lawn edger to keep all morphical components in proper working order, including the sharpening of black when necessary.		
			- Always unplug the lawn edger when not have se or during any maintenance tasks involving the device.		
			- Implement guidelines for safe power managen at, including the use of residual current devices (RCDs) or purpose le circuit breake.		
			- Maintain a clean work area fregrom debris and unasary objects to minimise the risk of tripping and accide		
			- Use caution then setting and a sting the awn edger's height, taking care not to accidentally ontact the carp black		
			- Edu all won are the importance of proper body mechanics and hazard aware a while propring equipment setup tasks.		
			- Encourage gular communication among team members about potential hazards, control leasures, and replace incidents to promote continual improvement of		
			fety proctices - Est, tis, an emergency response plan in case of accidents or incidents involving		
			lectrica. Its, cuts from sharp blades, or other hazards related to the equipment up process.		
4. Mobilization	Manual handling injuries, vehicle accidents	3Н		1L	



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5. Starting the edger	Noise exposure, kickback	2M		1L	



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6. Edging operation	Projectile debris, vibration injuries	зн		2M	



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7. Maintenance	Cutting injuries, hazardous substances	2M		1L	



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8. Break/rest periods	Poor ergonomics, overcrowding	1L		1L	



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9. Storage of equipment	Theft, unauthorised use	2M		1L	



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10. Transport to the next site	Road accidents, spillage during transport	3H		1L	



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11. Fuel refilling	Fuel spills, inhala on of fumes	2M		1L	



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12. Final inspection	Undetected hazards, incomplete work area checks	31.		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

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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 > 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 afety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.ksafe.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	Supe	ervisor
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The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to be ke sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure and revised in 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 receive esented 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	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 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 SWh			
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.			
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecting so tions.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of continue assures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Veralt Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be u d.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed are 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.			
dentifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.			
REVIEWED BY	DATE R	EVIEWED	
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