

Laying Sewer   S	SAFE WORK METHOD STA	TEMENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Laying Sewe	er	
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 conduthe 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 CC. 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, conditions unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the condi	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.			

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		CLI	ENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR D	ETAILS				
Client:						SCOPE OF WORKS			
Project Name:					Provide a detailed description	n 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				
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<ul> <li>involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters.</li> <li>is carried out on a telecommunication tower.</li> <li>involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-be in involves demolition of an element related to the physical integril of a structure.</li> </ul>				is carried out on	or near energised electrical in	stallations or services.			
☐ involves demolition o	f an element related to the	physical integrit of a str	3.	is carried out in a	an area that may have a conta	minated or flammable atmo	osphere.		
☐ involves, or is likely to	o involve, disturbing a	tos.		☐ involves tilt-up or	r 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 -			

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### 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, Manual handling injuries	2M	<ul> <li>Undertake a thorough site inspection to identify and address potential slip, trip, and fall hazards prior to commencing work.</li> <li>Clearly mark all uneven surfaces, holes or obstractions on the work site to minimise the risk of tripping.</li> <li>Ensure that proper housekeeping practices are followed in order to keep the work area clear of debris, tools, and other materials.</li> <li>Implement appropriate term, carly barriers or execution zone around open trenches or excavation areas.</li> <li>Provide proper Propers to the Equipment (PPE), including safety boots with slip-resistant ends and address a bort for worders.</li> <li>Make sure an orders have received a foreste training and supervision on safe many chandling school cus, as well as understanding the risks involved in their spectrucks.</li> <li>Use in school cus, as well as understanding the risks involved in their spectrucks.</li> <li>Use in school cus, as trolleys, wheelbarrows, or lifting devices, to reduce excess a manual lifting and carrying.</li> <li>Indopt sitable and practices for laying sewer pipes, such as team lifts, split wore naddrand breaks to avoid overexertion by workers.</li> <li>Maintan sell-lit work areas, providing temporary lighting if necessary, to enhance sibility and minimise risk.</li> <li>Develop and implement an effective communication system among all workers to report potential slip, trip, and fall hazards promptly.</li> <li>Regularly review and update the SWMS to reflect any changes in the work environment or new identified risks and hazards related to Preparation.</li> <li>Implement toolbox talks to remind workers of the importance of safety in relation to slips, trips, falls, and proper manual handling techniques.</li> <li>Encourage workers to wear appropriate comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement during the work process, which can help minimise awkward postures or movements that may lead to injuries.</li> </ul>	1L	
2. Excavation	Collapse of excavation walls, Contact with underground services	ЗН	<ul> <li>- Undertake a thorough site assessment to identify the location of underground services before commencing excavation works.</li> <li>- Request and verify Dial Before You Dig documentation to ensure accurate information on underground assets.</li> <li>- Utilise ground penetrating radar (GPR) equipment to confirm and mark out the exact locations of underground services.</li> <li>- Implement temporary shoring or battering techniques to support excavation walls and increase stability, reducing the risk of collapse.</li> </ul>	2M	



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			- Ensure all workers are trained in proper excavation techniques and safety procedures, including understanding potential hazards when working around underground services.		
			- Develop and implement a clear exclusion zor wound excavation areas to minimise unauthorised access and maintain orker safety		
			- Stabilise adjacent structures, such as building and dways, to reduce the risk of collapse or damage from excavation works.		
			- Establish suitable barricadle signage, and ban s to clear indicate hazard zones and promote safe work ctices.		
			- Conduct regular is people is three thout the excavation process to identify any signs of instability or preserve of process to identify any signs of instability or preserve of process.		
			- Utilise mech cical diggin equipment as excavators or trenchers, instead of many method, where assible to reduce manual handling risks for workers.		
			- Have the merger response plan in place, addressing scenarios like excavation wall comps, and contact with live utility services to ensure a swift and coordinated response		
			Ise appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including high visibility closures, a sel-capped boots, safety gloves, and hard hats, depending on the task at		
			hand.  chedule regular toolbox talks and safety meetings to discuss site-specific		
			ha rds, reinforce safe work practices, and address concerns raised by workers.		
			Involve employees in risk assessments and review processes to identify, assess, and control hazards effectively, fostering a collaborative workplace health and safety environment.		
			- Provide adequate ventilation and fresh air supply in the confined space to minimise atmospheric hazards, such as installation of exhaust fans or blowers.		
			- Conduct regular air quality testing and monitor levels of gases, vapours, or particulates within the confined space to ensure a safe working environment.		
			- Utilise confined space entry permits, signages, and barricades to restrict unauthorised access and ensure only trained personnel enters the confined space.		
3. Confined space entry	Atmospheric hazards, Entrapment	3H	- Train all workers involved in the confined space entry on recognizing and addressing hazards associated with their specific tasks, including emergency response procedures.	1L	
			- Develop an effective communication plan and system for workers within the confined space, such as radios or other suitable equipment, enabling seamless communication during emergencies or complicated operations.		
			- Equip workers entering the confined space with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including respirators, safety harnesses, and head protection, to mitigate potential risks associated with atmospheric hazards and entrapment.		



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			- Implement a clear and structured confined space entry procedure, including proper use of locking devices, securing ladders or platforms, and posting a standby person outside the confined space to monitor workers' well-		
			- Continuously assess the structural integrity of the confined space and any operational equipment used within it, performing necessary repairs or maintenance works to minimise the risk of structural collage or other pur		
			- Organise regular emergency drills and evacuation mulations for the workers to ensure preparedness in case of sudden changes atmospher conditions, uncontrolled releases of haza bus substances, or atrapped situations.		
			- Establish a system of inexpace rescue plan and ingroles, responsibilities, and actions for becomes a decimal personne ensuring timely and effective intervention, it use of accionts or a idents want the confined space.		
4. Pipe installation	Crushing injuries, Equipment malfunction	2M		1L	



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5. Backfilling	Engulfment, Uneven ground surface	ЗН		2M	



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6. Compaction	Vibration exposure, , , , , aceme	2M		1L	



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7. Connection to existing system	Water infiltration, Encourtering hazardous materials	ЗН		1L	



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8. Levelling and grading	Inaccurate slopes a trainage is	2M		1L	



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9. Trench shoring Ground instability calling debric	3H		2M		



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10. Protection measures	Falling into trenches Vehicle collisions	2M		1L	



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	Flooding, Erosion	RISK 3H	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	
12. Pipe testing	Leaks, Pressure failure	2M		1L	



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13. Surface reinstatement	Inadequate compaction, Poor drainage	2M		1L	



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DECEMBER 1	JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
15. Disposal of waste material Improper waste classification, Off-site 21  1L	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
	SPECIFIC WORK STEPS  15. Disposal of waste	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK		RESIDUAL	



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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/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/s

#### South Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)

Legislation for SA: <a href="https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation">https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation</a>

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): <a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</a> Model Codes of Practice: <a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice</a>

#### **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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		SAF WO A	STATEMENT	MONITORING AND R	EVIEW		
The SWMS must be reviewer revised if necessary) if relevant consultation with workers (incomplete of the SWMS and their health workplace.  When the SWMS has been readvised that a revision has been who will need to change a woal way that will enable them to will be involved in the work must them to understand and imple	and safety representatives are sub- evised the PCBU must ensure the procedure or system as a implement their duties corust be provided with the relations.	review process s) who may be as who process that work who process that work are that all persons involve in access the revised SWM are sult of the review are assistently with the revised S	should be carried out in ffected by the operation k group at the  d with the work are S, including all persons divised of the changes in SWMS. All workers that	effective in reducing the person responsible for memploy a multi-faceted and spot Checks.  2. Consultation of 3. Internal audits  An approach of continuo followed up by immediate	enitored regularly for the erisk of incidents, keeping the onitoring the effectiveness pproach which includes but with workers, contractors are on a continual basis.  The properties of the entire of	ne workplace safe for all of the Safe Work Method tis not limited to:  and sub-contractors.  recording inconsistencia sultation with all relevan	personnel. The od Statement should state
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### 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 A	
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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