Loading and Unloading of C	containers SAFE WORK MI	ETHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)			
TASK OR A	CTIVITY: Loading and Unloading	of Containers				
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#			
Business Address: [Company Address]						
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E qil:				
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE PL OF THE PROJECT				
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conductive proposed work starts.	ucting a business or undertaking (k 3U) is	required to ture fat a safe work method s	tatement (SWMS) is prepared before			
Full Name:						
Signature:		Title:	Date:			
the proposed work starts. Full Name:						
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:			
			EEN CONSULTED AND			
requirements to first identify any site hazards, conduction unical those	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must study unately. 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.						



		С	LIENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR DE	TAILS			
Client:					SCOPE OF WORKS			
Project Name:							rk being carried out (otherwise	
Project Address:				k	nown as scope of works).			
Project Manager:								
Contact Phone:								
Project Manager	Signature:							
Date SWMS supp	olied to Project Manag	er:						
		ANY HIG	H-RISK CON YUCI	N. JRK BEING	ARRIED OUT			
involves a risk of	a person falling more than	2 meters.		is carried out on or	near pressurised gas main	s or piping.		
is carried out on a	a telecommunication tower.			☐ is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.				
involves demolition	on of an element of a struct	ure that is load-be		☐ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.				
involves demolition	on of an element related to	the physical integrit of a s	17 e.	is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.				
involves, or is like	ely to involve, disturbing a	estos.		involves tilt-up or precast concrete.				
involves structura	al alteration or repair that re	mporal upp to	prevent collapse.	is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.				
is carried out in o	r 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/n	ear a shaft or trench deepe	er than 1.5m or tunnel involv	ving use of explosives.	is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.				
is carried out in o	r near water or other liquid	that involves a risk of drow	ning.	involves diving wo	k.			
		ANY	HIGH-RISK MACHINE	RY OR EQUIPMENT	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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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	Incorrect lifting techniques, Inadequate PPE	3Н	 Ensure thorough training: Provide all workers involved with the loading and unloading process proper training on correct manual unloinding techniques, including how to lift and move heavy items without causine usin or injury. Implement a buddy system: Encourage workers to assist each other in lifting heavy items to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal, unries due uncorrect lifting techniques. Use mechanical aids: Utilise pallet jacks, forker to other relevant equipment to help transport heavy containers or items, reducin the physical dess on workers. Regularly inspect and maintal requipment: Keep to menomical aids in good working order, conductor regulations spections and mathematical aids in good working order, conductor regulation spections and mathematical aids in good working order, conductor regulations process and mathematical aids in good working order, conductor regulations and the senance to minimise the risks associated with flowy equipment. Provide appropriate PPE upply workers are necessary personal protective equipment (Phy, such actions, safe notwear, and high-visibility vests, to reduce tentian use adving loading and unloading. Estation estigates walkways: Develop clear pathways throughout the workspite, howing the avert are kept free from debris and obstacles that could contribut to a bidents binjuries. Operating the flow communication methods: Encourage open communication amo, we kers, supervisors, and employers, promoting awareness of hazards and he impounded of following procedures. Schedule regular breaks: Allow workers to take rest breaks at appropriate intervals, which can help mitigate fatigue-related risks associated with improper lifting techniques or inattention to safety protocols. Perform ongoing hazard assessments: Continually analyse the work environment and practices for potential hazards, making adjustments as needed to ensure the ongoing safety and well-being of workers. Encourage reporting o	2M	
2. Pre-Inspection	Slips, trips and falls, Damaged equipment	2M	 Regular housekeeping: Ensure the work area is clean, well-organised, and free from debris or clutter that could pose a risk for slips, trips, or falls during loading and unloading operations. Accessible paths: Mark and maintain clear walkways and access points for employees to reduce congestion and limit the potential for accidents due to confusion or chaos in the worksite. Proper footwear: Require workers to wear slip-resistant and closed-toe shoes with adequate structural support to minimise slip or trip hazards. 	1L	



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			- Equipment inspection: Regularly inspect all equipment, including forklifts, pallet jacks, and other devices used for loading and unloading, ensuring they are in good working condition and free from damage or defects		
			- Training and education: Provide mandatory training to all staff members on safe loading/unloading techniques and equipment operation, as well as what to do in case of an emergency.		
			- Spill response procedures: Establish spill response and cleaning processes to immediately address any liquid spills and slippen, substances of the work floor, preventing slip hazards for encloses.		
			- Adequate lighting: From propertighting is installed outghout the work area, illuminating potential naza and studing the likelihood of accidents.		
			- Load inspect on: Check including all outcome gloads for stability and securement before reginning the load g/unloading closess, preventing potential accidents due to show or fall.		
			- Dock a barrie. Install edge protection (e.g., rails or wheel chocks) on loading docks to prevent vehicles or equipment from inadvertently rolling off the dock edge or into a other shicles, issonnel.		
	7		berge by res, use plan: Develop and implement an emergency response plan that win s procedures to follow in the event of an accident, including immediate ctions a procedures, supervisors, and first aid provisions. This should be mmunicated to all employees and routinely reviewed and updated as needed.		
	C	5	Regular inspections and maintenance of equipment used in loading and unloading, such as forklifts, cranes, and pallet jacks to ensure the machinery is in good working condition and minimise the risk of equipment malfunction.		
			 All workers involved in the loading and unloading process must undergo proper training and be deemed competent to operate the relevant equipment in a safe and controlled manner. 		
3. Equipment Setup Falling objects, Equipment malfunction	Falling objects, Equipment malfunction	3H	- Workers should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including but not limited to hard hats, high visibility vests, steel-toed boots, and gloves to aid in protection against hazards like falling objects.	2M	
			 Establishing exclusion zones around the working area to prevent unauthorised personnel from entering during the loading and unloading process, reducing the risk of injury from falling objects or equipment malfunctions. 		
			- Use effective communication methods, such as two-way radios or hand signals, to relay information between workers and equipment operators, ensuring smooth coordination and preventing mishaps that could lead to hazards.		
			 Implement strict procedures for securing loads onto shipping containers, trucks, or other transportation vehicles to reduce the likelihood of falling objects during the loading and unloading process. 		



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			- Ensure that only approved lifting accessories, such as slings, chains, and hooks, are utilised for the job and that these are inspected regularly for wear, damage, or defects in order to minimise the risk of equipment methods.		
			- Apply proper load distribution and weight many ement when stacking items within a container or on a vehicle to minimise the punce of collansing or uneven stacking, which could result in falling objects during the sport or the adding.		
			- Develop and implement an emergency response on an to address potential hazards, such as equipment malfunctions or falling object, with clear reference of and responsibilities for all personal involved in the load of and coading process.		
			- Provide adequate light and the pathways in boundading and unloading areas to improve visibility and reace that sk of accidents due to poor lighting conditions.		
			- Limit speed of equipmer operation, the mediate vicinity of loading and unloading zon, to reduce the risk of openations between machinery, personnel and object		
			- Frequence review of assess workplace safety policies and procedures, in addition to concertine regulate fety audits to identify areas needing improvement or further hazard untreased		
	1		oper, our e a curve of safety within the workplace through ongoing safety training, oper, or unication between workers and management, and recognizing and ddress, potentially hazardous situations before they escalate into accidents.		
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4. Pre-loading Checks	Spillages, Sharp edges	2M		1L	



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5. Loading Containers	Crushing injuries, Incorrectly stacked items	ЗН		1L	

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6. Securing Containers	Loose securing equipment, Working at heights	ЗН		2M	



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7. Container Transport	Vehicle collisions, Uneven terrain	4A		2M	



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8. Unloading Containers	Improper unloading technique, Dropped items	ЗH		1L	



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9. Post-Unload Inspection	Slips, trips and falls, Damaged goods	2M		1L	

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10. Equipment Breakdown	Electrical hazards, Energy Cont			1L	



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11. Clean up	Manual handling injunes, Slippery surfaces	2М		1L	

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12. Documentation	Miscommunication, Esseer missing paperwork	2М		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 LEG	GISLATIVE REFERENCES ANY STATE AT ARE NOT APPLICABLE
Queensland & Australian Capital Territory Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 Legislation QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.gld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</u> Codes of Practice QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.gld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Legislation ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</u> Codes of Practice ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u>	Victoria Ord pational Health and Safety Active 04 Occupational Health and unfetwork gulations 2017 Legislation VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- sular is</u> or des of mactice VICe. <u>attps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</u>
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/legislatic Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislatic	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) Regulation 2011 Legislation NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/worplace-sect-laws</u> Codes of Practice NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/fect-org/d-resources/corg-sect-sect-as-on</u>	Safe Work Australia Links Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u> Model Codes of Practice: <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model- codes-of-practice</u>
South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA) Legislation for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legulation</u> Codes of Practice for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs</u>	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
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/codes-of-practice Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	 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
Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required): - Permits from local council - Authorisation to commence 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

- 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	Position	Signature	Date	Time	Supervisor
			Date:		
			Datu		
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			Date:		

SAF WC A STHUD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are subcontract of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who reworkplace.

ke sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and acception of the process should be carried out in s any subcontract s) who may be affected by the operation esentatives who recented that work group at the

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	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.			
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.			
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 effectine sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the impement of continue measures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vortat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be up t.			
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.			
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REVIEWED BY	DATE RI	EVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE CO	MPLETED	