

Plastering Work	SAFE WORK METHOD STA	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
TA	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Plastering Wo	ork	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E 111:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY 1	THE P. OF THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting a business or undertaking (N=3U) is	required to ure 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 a	ompliance 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 BI 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 those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the conditions are or conditional talks.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must standardly. 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, 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	Improper lifting, slip and fall accidents	2M	 Provide training and awareness programs for all workers in proper lifting techniques, correct handling of materials, and potent shazards associated with preparation activities to minimise the risk of impressibiliting. Ensure that employees wear appropriates a sonal protective equipment (PPE) including non-slip footwear to reduce slipping isks. Schedule regular breaks for workers to avoid the that may lead to poor decision-making or careless behaviour, resulting a accidents. Keep the work area clean are see from debris, where a other obstructions that could contribute to slip and fall a idents. Inspect tools of a equipment regular of the ensurance are in good working order, and replace for man necessary to manifest exards during preparation tasks. Stormaterial and souries at a suitable height so that employees do not need to reach a sisvel, actain themselves while retrieving items. Use metal ical all such as trolleys or hand trucks to transport heavy loads, reducing the order of including promptly. Implemental buddy system, where workers can help each other lift heavy objects of maintain an extra set of eyes on possible hazards. Set up adequate lighting in the work area to ensure visibility and safe navigation around obstacles or uneven surfaces. Place warning signs or barriers around wet or slippery areas to alert workers to potential slip and fall hazards. Perform regular risk assessments and continuously update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) to reflect changes in working conditions or tasks, ensuring ongoing worker safety during the preparation phase of plastering work. 	1L	
2. Measurement & Layout	Incorrect measurements, exposure to sharp tools	2M	 Prior training: Ensure that all workers involved in the measurement and layout process have appropriate training beforehand, so they are familiar with the proper techniques for accurate measurements and safe handling of sharp tools. Use of proper tools: Supply workers with high-quality, well-maintained measuring tools, such as tape measures, rulers, or laser measurement devices, to ensure accurate measurements. Similarly, provide them with appropriate safety equipment, such as gloves, to protect from cuts caused by sharp tools. Double-check measurements: Whenever possible, have more than one worker check the measurements, reducing the chances of errors. This can prevent potential accidents and inefficiency caused by incorrect measurements. 	1L	



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			 Clear and visible markings: Use proper marking materials, such as chalk or specialised chalk lines, to create clear and highly visible guidelines when laying out the work area. This helps reduce the likelihood of maturement mistakes. 		
			- Safe storage of tools: Keep sharp tools, such a utility knives or trowels, in secure, designated places when not in use to minimum the risk of accidental injury from handling or coming into contact with them.		
		d d s	Proper disposal of sharps: Use proper storage calners for disposing of used or damaged sharp objects, like rezors or broken blacks, to reduce the risk of injury during waste disposal procedures. Work in well-lit are resulting dequate lighting in workplace helps workers to see clearly and for withey risked casurements reducing the chances of mistakes and accident will handling sharps lis.		
			- Encorrage of a common cation: Cream environment in which workers feel comfort le disconsinguates or concerns regarding measurement and layout tasks, allow to the earn resolution of any potential hazards.		
		to	- Regularly spect to Conduct routine inspections of measurement and cutting tools to suit that the re in good working condition and free from defects, which ay lead to impore measurements or accidents involving sharp tools.		
			- Pooling ge: Display signs and posters in the workplace that serve as reminders or work about proper measurement techniques, layout procedures, and safety cautions related to handling sharp tools to reinforce safe practices and reduce hands during plastering work.		
			- Ensure all workers wear appropriate PPE, including dust masks (minimum P2 rating), safety goggles or glasses, and gloves to protect against dust inhalation and cuts from sharp edges.		
			- Train workers on the proper techniques for cutting plasterboards, including maintaining control of the cutting tool, handling sharp edges safely, and disposing of waste materials appropriately.		
			- Use vacuum cleaners with HEPA filters or wet cutting techniques to minimise dust generation during cutting, reducing exposure to airborne particles.		
3. Cutting Plasterboards	Dust inhalation, cuts from sharp edges	3H	- Properly maintain tools and equipment, ensuring that cutting tools are sharp, clean, and in good working condition to prevent accidents.	2M	
			- Encourage the use of cutting tools with safer, guarded blades or built-in blade retraction systems to minimise the risk of cuts from exposed sharp edges.		
			- Implement a designated cutting area or workspace that is well-ventilated, free of trip hazards or obstacles, and has been assessed for weight-bearing capacity to ensure worker safety while cutting plasterboards.		
			- Regularly clean the work area throughout the day to remove dust and debris, minimising slip and fall risks, as well as the chance of encountering sharp off-cuts unexpectedly.		



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			 Dispose of off-cuts and waste material into designated bins or containers promptly; this reduces clutter in the work area and minimises the potential for accidents involving discarded off-cuts. 		
			- Keep training up-to-date on first aid procedure, or cuts and injury prevention, ensuring all staff know how to properly restrict a if an accident occurs.		
			- Establish clear communication channels be seen writers to allow for alerting others of potential hazards and sharing best process.		
			- Limit cutting activities to design ted work hours are enforce strict rules prohibiting unapproved cutting the first of sectorking hours, reducing the risk of rushing, fatigue-related accents, number predicting		
			- Conduct read ar workplar health a safe audits and inspections to ensure ongoin compact the caption and inspections are safe audits and inspections to ensure ongoin compact the caption and captions are safe audits and inspections to ensure ongoin compact the caption and captions are safe audits and inspections to ensure ongoin compact the caption and inspection and inspecti		
4. Mixing Plaster	Machinery injury, dust hazard	ЗН		2M	



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	Falls from height, eye irritation from				
5. Applying Plaster	plaster	3H		1L	



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6. Installing Plasterboard	Mishandling of heavy material, risk o drop impact	2M		1L	



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7. Jointing & Taping	Musculoskeletal strain, contact with thic chemicals	2M		1L	



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8. Sanding Joints	Exposure to airbon particular, month pollution	3H		1L	



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9. Trimming & Finishing	Use of dangerous hand projectiles			1L	



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10. Patching Holes	Inadequate ventila on, overexerting	2M		1L	



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11. Cleanup & Waste Disposal	Exposure to hazardous waste, inappropriate disposal methods	2M		1L	



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12. Final Inspection	Risk of overlooking afety look ladder-related injuries	₹M		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

Legislation QLD: https://www.worksafe.gld.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/legislati

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-

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f

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.ssafe.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	Sup	pervisor	
				Date:				
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			Date:					
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	Date:							
		SAF WC A	STATEMENT	MONITORING AND	REVIEW			
The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to noke sure it reseans effortive and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are review by process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors are subcontract as) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who reduces essented 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 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	
SIGNATURE	DATE CO	MPLETED	