

RCD Testing S	AFE WORK METHOD STAT	EMENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: RCD Testing	9	
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 1	THE PL OF THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	eting a business or undertaking (F RU) 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.			



	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	Trencher				☐ 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	Trip hazards, Electrical shock	ЗН	 Conduct a thorough inspection of the workspace before beginning any testing to identify and remove obstacles or debris, reducing trim azards. Ensure all electrical equipment, including power outlets and extension cords, are checked for damage, wear, or other signs a sumpromise that could lead to an increased risk of electrical shock. Install cable protectors or trays to lay out anounce floose cables, preventing them from becoming twisted or creating trip hazards. Clearly mark designated walk type and paths to and are ping on or tripping over any cables or equipmental uring thing. Utilise approache person protein elequipment (PPE), such as insulated gloves and non-connective footwer when a dline quipment and performing RCD testing to reduce the most electrical shock. Ensure my liquid and near work areas are cleaned and dried promptly to minimals along the trads and potential electrical shock risks. Positic RC stesting suipment in a stable, secure location with good ventilation to reduce the risk protocols, ensuring they understand the importance of a aintaining a safety protocols, ensuring they understand the importance of aintaining a safe work environment. Inclement a lockout/tagout system for all necessary equipment to ensure electrical circuits are safely isolated before commencing RCD testing, minimising risk of accidental electrical shocks. Regularly review and update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) for RCD testing to continuously improve safety practices and ensure workers are aware of their responsibilities in maintaining a secure work environment. 	2M	
2. Equipment Inspection	Faulty equipment, Sharp edges	ЗН	 Implement a strict pre-use inspection protocol for all equipment before commencing the RCD testing activities to identify any faults or damages that could hinder its effectiveness. Train employees on proper techniques for identifying and assessing potential hazards associated with electrical equipment, like sharp edges or damaged wiring, as part of induction and ongoing refresher courses. Ensure test instruments and equipment meet national and/or local standards and regulations for RCD testing to minimise risk of using faulty equipment. Utilise personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and helmets, to protect against injuries from sharp edges when handling equipment. Establish clear communication protocols through which workers can report any issues or concerns relating to faulty or damaged equipment promptly, allowing for immediate action to be taken. 	1L	



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			- Store equipment in designated, secure storage areas when not in use to prevent unauthorised access and potential misuse or damage.		
			Conduct regular maintenance and calibration chession all electrical testing equipment, and replace as needed, in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and industry best practice.		
			- Distribute documentations, such as operating instructions and safety data sheets, to familiarise employees with manufacturers' recorded safe operating procedures for the equipment utilised during RC. Testing.		
			- Schedule routine equipment pections from quant diffusion party inspectors to ensure adherence to blishe antrols and identification of hidden hazards.		
			- Develop and prement so dard tagging abelling system for faulty or damaged equipment to preint accidental advantage activities.		
			- Fost of positive works are culture that encourages open dialogue and immediate feedby regarding central hazards, including concerns related to equipment, among the member of the control of the contro		
			- Engage experienced aployees or supervisors to demonstrate correct handling and usage techniques or equipment, especially if there are apparent risks from sharp es.		
			Estate clearly defined equipment disposal plan, inclusive of a reliable process removed faulty or damaged equipment from job sites and disposing them a prding to legal requirements and environmental standards.		
			Regularly review and update SWMS to adapt to changes in industry standards, technology, and best practices related to RCD testing and equipment usage for continuous hazard mitigation.		
			- Ensuring that a qualified electrician conducts the RCD verification process to minimise the risk of incorrect installation and faulty testing devices.		
			- Regular inspection and maintenance of electrical installations by a qualified person to ensure that the RCDs are functioning correctly and efficiently.		
			- Establishing a standardised RCD testing process, including step-by-step guidelines to minimise human error and potential risks during each stage of the project.		
3. RCD Verification	Incorrect installation, Faulty testing device	3H	- Providing comprehensive training on safety procedures and work practices for workers involved in the RCD verification process. This includes knowing how to properly use the testing device and recognizing potential hazards.	1L	
			- Implementing a mandatory pre-operation inspection of the RCD testing device(s) to verify they are in good condition, calibrated, and fit for use. Any faulty or malfunctioning equipment should be reported immediately and replaced as needed.		
			- Utilising personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, safety goggles, and insulated tools when handling live electrical components to protect workers from potential hazards related to electricity.		



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			 Clearly marking and labeling all RCD-protected circuits to prevent confusion and accidental contact with non-RCD protected circuits during the verification process. 		
			- Maintaining a clean and organised workspace to commise any chances of trip hazards, clutter, and other distractions that core potentially interfere with the effective and safe execution of the RCD vertication process.		
			- Incorporating a thorough visual inspection on the RC constallation for any visible signs of damage, wear and tear or improper common before proceeding with the testing process. If any issues are identified, they could be add used by a qualified professional to avoid further complications.		
			- Developing an emergency shull we procedure for LACD verification process in case any unforce anssule or include city. This plan should include clear instructions a solating the fected sea, notifing relevant personnel and applicable autorities, and seking full are scance for proper resolution.		
4. Isolate Circuit	Inaccurate identification, Live eleme as exposure	ЗН		1L	



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5. Test Equipment Connection	Loose connections, Incorrect wiring	ЗН		1L	



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6. Push-Button Test	RCD Failure, Accidental and	2M		1L	



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7. Disconnect Test Equipment	Live elements exposure, Loose connections	ЗН		1L	



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Record Results	Human error, Misinterpretation of data	2M		1L	



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9. Communicate Findings	Miscommunication, Inaccurate recording	2M		1L	



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10. Reconnect Circuit	Incorrect connection, Live elements exposure	ЗН		1L	



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11. Post-Test Verification	Faulty RCDs, Untested circuits			1L	



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12. Clean-Up & Equipment Storage	Slip and trip hazards, Improper storage	2M		1L	







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/legislations/leg

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 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: 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
				Date:			
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		SAF WO A	STATEMENT	MONITORING AND R	EVIEW		
The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to rake sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are subcontracted, are valued by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who redesented 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	
SIGNATURE	DATE CO	MPLETED	