Reciprocating Saw	I SAFE WORK METHOD S	TATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK OR ACTIVITY: Reciprocating Saw Business Name: [Company Name] ABN: [ABN] SWMS# Business Address: [Company Address] Contact Person: Phone: [Phone] E-nit: Contact Person: THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PL > OF THE PROJECT Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation, a person conducting a business or undertaking (r. RU) is routine at a safe work method statement (SWMS) is prepared before the proposed work starts. Full Name:			
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E ail:	
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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:
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requirements to first identify any site hazards, conduction inical those	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend			
approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and			
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:							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 JUCI	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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1. Preparation	Electric shock, unguarded blade	ЗН	 Inspect the reciprocating saw for any visible damage or malfunction before use, focusing on the power cord, plug, and blade guard. If ny issues are detected, remove the saw from use and report to a supervision. Properly secure and fasten the unguarder nude in place before starting the saw. Do not use the saw if the blade guard is mixing or damated. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment of P such as safety glasses, hearing protection, non-conductive gloves, and survey for twear schield against potential injury caused by flyin debris, sparks, or netrical mock. Ensure that the working e is don, decluttered, and see of tripping hazards, such as loose cords or poris, woninimment he risk of a cidents during saw operation. Confirm the sesence of Guard Far. Circ anterrupter (GFCI) outlets are in use or haveoportable units awarable to reduce risk of electrical short circuits and shoct. Unplot the reciprocating saw when it's not in use or while changing the blade or access ites this hell orevent accidental start-up, electric shock, or injuries from an ungur deternade. Sonducts doolbox talk with all workers involved in using the reciprocating saw to suss potential hazards, safety measures, and emergency procedures. Adequately train workers on the correct operational procedures for using the reciprocating saw, emphasising key safety aspects like maintaining a firm grip, holding the tool securely, and keeping hands away from the exposed blade. Implement a regular maintenance schedule to inspect, service, and replace parts as needed to ensure the reciprocating saw aparts are as reminders to follow safety precautions and stay allert while using the reciprocating saw. 	1L	
2. Inspection	Defective equipment, insufficient PPE	2M	 Conduct routine maintenance and inspection of the reciprocating saw prior to use, ensuring it is in proper working condition. Verify that all safety guards are in place and functioning effectively before operating the saw. Provide clear instruction and hands-on training for all workers on the correct usage and handling of the reciprocating saw, emphasising the importance of adhering to safety procedures. Ensure that all workers using the reciprocating saw wear appropriate PPE such as safety goggles, gloves, hearing protection, and steel-toed boots. Create a checklist for inspecting the saw and its components, including the blade, power cord, and trigger switch, before each use. 	1L	



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			 Utilise signage and warning labels in the work area reminding workers of potential hazards and the necessary precautions associated with using a reciprocating saw. 		
			- Keep a record of all inspections and maintenance parformed on the saw, as well as any reported incidents or issues related to equivalent defects.		
			- Remove damaged or defective reciprocate saws from prvice immediately and report the issue to a supervisor for repair or the lacent was needed.		
			- Implement a system for regularly updating the sullable PPE intentory and ensure it complies with relevant index y standards.		
			- Encourage open communication between manager or and workers, initiating a culture wherein communication safety can be addressed promptly without fear of retaliation.		
			- In the event can unexpected issue to be creciprocating saw during operation, instruction orkers a store car task immediately and report the concern to their supel is		
			- Moniter the worksite pace for neatness and organisation, promptly removing any debris to at the presence a tripping hazard to workers using the reciprocating saw.		
			Development, ancy response plans for potential accidents involving defective equipment or instruction PPE, ensuring all workers are familiar with these process		
			regularly review and update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) and en or all workers understand and follow the outlined protocols to maintain a safe work environment while using the reciprocating saw.		
			- Ensure all personnel operating the reciprocating saw have received appropriate training and are competent in its safe use.		
			- Before starting any work, inspect the work area for potential hazards and address them accordingly to create a stable work surface.		
			- Keep the work area clean and free of clutter to prevent any tripping hazards that may disrupt the stability of the work surface or operator.		
3. Saw setup	Incorrect blade installation, unstable	ЗН	- Always use manufacturer-approved blades designed specifically for use with the intended reciprocating saw model.	1L	
	work surface		- Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for correct blade installation, ensuring it is securely fastened to prevent dislodging during operation.		
			- Utilise a stable and secure work surface, such as a workbench equipped with clamps or vice grips, to hold the material being cut firmly in place.		
			- Implement appropriate fall protection measures when working at heights to ensure the stability and safety of both the operator and the work surface.		
			- Inspect the reciprocating saw and blade for any damage or wear before each use. Replace any damaged or worn components immediately.		



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			- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as safety glasses, gloves, and hearing protection, to reduce the risk of injury from improper blade installation or unstable work surfaces.		
			- Always keep hands and fingers away from the rade while operating the reciprocating saw to minimise the risk of contact with the cutting edge.		
			- Disconnect the power source whenever changing or questing the blade on the reciprocating saw to prevent accidental activation using handling.		
			- Regularly review and update your Safe Work Ms and Statement (SWMS) documentation to ensure all exployees stay inform that is current best practices for mitigating the risk management with saw setup has used.		
4. Cutting material	Flying debris, excess suburse	2M		1L	



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5. Blade change	Contact with sharp edges, meenect blade tension	2М		1L	



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6. Saw maintenance	Pinch points, exposure to grease and oil	2М		1L	

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7. Transportation	Manual handling injury, falling objects	2М		1L	



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8. Housekeeping	Slips, trips, and falls, accumulation of debris	2М		1L	



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9. Saw storage	Inadequate ventilation, unauthorised access	2М		1L	



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10. Emergency response	Inadequate knowledge, failure to properly shut off saw	2M		1L	



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11. Waste disposal	Cutting self on waste, encountered hazard	2М		1L	



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12. Debriefing	Improper communication, missed safety issues	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
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			Date:		

SAF WC A STHUD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to review the sure it remains revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are a conconsultation with workers (including contractors are subcontract of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who re workplace.

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 SWN			
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 imement of cont, measures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Wey, Electrical Work, Verat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be up t.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed approved on the SWMS.			
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience vaining 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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SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		