

Scaffolding   SA	AFE WORK METHOD STAT	EMENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Scaffolding	I	
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 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 unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the conditions are or conditions.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must steam ately. 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	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		
☐ involves a risk of a pe	erson falling more than 2 m	neters.		is carried out on	or near pressurised gas mains	s 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 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 -	





### 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	Tripping over materials, Falling from height	2M	<ul> <li>Conduct a thorough risk assessment before starting any work involving scaffolding to identify, analyse, and control all potential hazards</li> <li>Ensure that all workers involved in the scaffolding process are adequately trained and certified in proper assembly, inspection waintenance and dismantling procedures.</li> <li>Keep the work area around the scaffold clear and free of any trip and slip hazards, such as tools, materials, and cables.</li> <li>Establish designated walkings this and entry/exis spirit for scaffolding work area.</li> <li>Apply highly visite many as one has a critical areas to highlight any obstacles or potential hazar.</li> <li>Provide work is with appropriate peach a protective equipment (PPE), such as hardon, safet potymor, and harness is, if required.</li> <li>Inspirit antifolding and related components, such as base plates, guardrails, and planks egolyly for a signs of damage, wear and tear, or other deficiencies.</li> <li>Implement to a protect and systems, such as guardrails, toe boards, and catch after the second of the manufacturer's guidelines or relevant regulations.</li> <li>Ensure as scaffolding has been designed by a competent person and erected sording to the manufacturer's guidelines or relevant regulations.</li> <li>Establish a regular communication channel (e.g., toolbox talks or safety meetings) so that workers can raise any concerns, share insights, and discuss new developments regarding scaffold safety.</li> <li>Initiate and enforce a permit-to-work system to ensure that only authorised personnel access and carry out work on scaffolding.</li> <li>In case of adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, strong winds, or lightning, suspend any work on scaffolding and perform regular inspections until the situation is deemed safe.</li> </ul>	1L	
2. Scaffold Base Construction	Crushing fingers or hands, Uneven surface	2M	<ul> <li>Inspect the work site and identify any uneven surfaces, tripping hazards, or obstructions that may interfere with the scaffold base construction. Report these issues to a supervisor for rectification before commencing work.</li> <li>Conduct a pre-start toolbox talk to discuss the specific risks associated with the scaffold base construction and the importance of proper handling techniques and communication when lifting and positioning equipment.</li> <li>Ensure appropriate PPE, such as safety gloves and steel-toed boots, are worn by all workers involved in the construction process to prevent injuries from crushing fingers or hands and provide protection against potential dropped objects.</li> </ul>	1L	



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			- Use appropriate hand tools for leveling and compacting the ground where the scaffold base will be set up, ensuring a stable and flat surface for secure scaffolding construction.		
			- Clearly mark out the designated area for scaff passe construction with visible tape or signs to keep unauthorised person away from the potential risk zones.		
			- Assign a competent person with adequate a eriep or scaffold construction to supervise the task and ensure all workers adhity and established control measures and safe work methods.		
			- Ensure that all scaffold composents and materials a procefly stored when not in use, preventing trip because and tential damage to supment.		
			- Use mechanic aids such a troller, hoists of anes, when available, to minimise manual hance of risks associated with answing heavy scaffolding materials.		
			- Impropent any active ommunication system among workers, such as using hand signal hadios, profdinate tasks efficiently and avoid accidents resulting from misuners addings miscommunication during the scaffold base construction proces		
			Sched a reg or breaks for workers involved in physically demanding tasks during strold a second ruction, allowing them to rest, recuperate, and minimise the risk of factors lated injuries.		
			- e-assemble scaffolding on the ground: Minimise the risk of falling objects by assembling as many components of the scaffold tower as possible on the ground before moving them to the installation location.		
			- Use toe-boards and guardrails: Install toe-boards and guardrails around the working area of the scaffolding to prevent materials and components from falling off and causing accidents.		
			- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE): Supply all workers involved in the assembly with properly fitting PPE, including safety helmets, safety footwear, gloves, and high visibility clothing.		
3. Tower Assembly	Falling objects, Incorrect assembly	ЗН	- Ensure a safe lifting process: Utilise hoists, cranes, or forklifts to safely lift and transport heavy or oversized components.	1L	
			- Implement a buddy system: Encourage a buddy system where team members can support each other, ensuring secure footing, and proper lifting techniques during the assembly process.		
			- Conduct a thorough inspection of all components: Before assembly, inspect all scaffolding materials and components to ensure their quality and suitability for use.		
			- Follow manufacturer's instructions: Assemble the tower scaffold according to the manufacturer's guidelines, ensuring accurate and safe installation.		
			- Train and supervise staff: Provide adequate training to all workers involved in the tower assembly process, and maintain active supervision throughout the project.		



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			- Secure tools and equipment: Attach lanyards or tethers to tools and equipment to prevent them from falling and causing injury.		
			- Communicate effectively: Establish clear communation channels among team members to provide timely warnings and update on any potential hazards or issues.		
			- Restrict access to the area: Limit access the assembly area only to authorised personnel and keep pedestrians and unauthorised was as at a safe distance.		
			-Control wind conditions: Monitor weather cond. s closely, and halt work if the wind speed exceeds safe lime (as specified by the manufacture) to avoid instability of the scaffold during assembly		
4. Erection of Guardrails	Falling from height,	ВН		2M	



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5. Installation of Planks	Pinched fingers, Fires between planks	2M		1L	



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6. Ladder Setup	Slips, trips and falls, Inadequate ladder placement	2M		1L	
7. Inspection and Signoff	Missed hazards, Unauthorised access	2M		1L	



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8. Working on Scaffolding eq	alls from height, Stook by rvoving juipment	ЗН		2M	



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9. Dismantling Guardrails	Dropping tools, Falling from height	-1/1		1L	



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10. Removal of Planks	Pinched fingers, Falls between planks	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	NAME OF PERSON
11. Tower Disassembly	Falling objects, Incorrect disassembly	ЗН		1L	



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12. Scaffold Base Removal	Crushing fingers or hands, Uneven surface	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: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</a> Codes of Practice QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</a> Codes of Practice QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a>

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/legislati

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 201

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/wo\_place-

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/le\_lation

Codes of Practice for SA: <a href="https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/wor">https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/wor</a> 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): 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.

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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	
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 effective sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of contameasures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vocat 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 reining 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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