

Steriliser   SA	FE WORK METHOD STATE	MENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Steriliser		
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E il:	
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.	cting a business or undertaking (N 3U) is	required to ture 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	compliance 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 B PMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with agislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the cond	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must structured. 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			
ANY HIGH-RISK CON ☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters.				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, 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
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1. Preparation	Chemical exposure, Slips and trips	2M	- Proper training: Ensure that all workers handling sterilisers receive adequate training on the correct usage, storage, and disposal or hinques to minimise chemical exposure hazards.  - Personal protective equipment (PPE): Equipment workers wear appropriate PPE, such as gloves, eye protection, and aprons, avoid disposal contact with chemicals.  - Chemical storage: Store sterilising chemicals are esignated area with proper ventilation and clear labelling to prevent accident aspills, leaks of improper use.  - Spill management: Establish natocols for managine spill uncluding the use of spill containment material train absoluterials.  - Good house seping: Reclarly clear work was to remove clutter, debris, and potential tripp, in hazards we signate such zones for storage of tools and equipment to manage esignate such zones for storage of tools and equipment to manage enderly workplace.  - Anti- popring: mail slip-resistant flooring in areas where steriliser preparation occurs, or receive the lock of slips and falls due to spilled chemicals.  Signag and orkings Place clear signs indicating potential hazards, wet floors, and designated with steriliser preparation.  Proper hynting: Ensure sufficient lighting in the work area, enabling employees to support hynting: Ensure sufficient lighting in the workspace.  - Emergency eyewash stations: Set up easily accessible eyewash stations near the steriliser preparation area to be used in case of chemical exposure to the eyes.  - Equipment inspection and maintenance: Regularly inspect and maintain sterilisation equipment to ensure it is functioning correctly and not contributing to any hazards during its operation.  - Safe work procedures: Develop and implement step-by-step safe work instructions for the entire steriliser preparation process to reduce the likelihood of accidents or incorrect handling of chemicals.  - Communication and supervision: Encourage open communication among workers regarding potential hazards or issues they encounter in the steriliser preparation proce	1L	
2. Equipment setup	Electrical hazards, Lifting injuries	3Н	- Ensure all employees have undergone thorough training in the proper use of sterilization equipment, including setup procedures, operational guidelines, and potential hazards.  - Turn off and disconnect any electrical power before setting up or making adjustments to equipment, minimising the risk of electrocution or short-circuit accidents.	2M	



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			<ul> <li>Inspect and maintain equipment regularly following the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that it operates efficiently and safely, addressing potential electrical hazards before they become critical issues.</li> <li>Utilise proper protective gear when setting use, alpment, including gloves, safety goggles, and steel-toed shoes, to prevent is ones from burns, pinches, or slipping objects.</li> <li>Use trolleys or lifting aids designed for heavy sterilizers, reducing the risk of strains, sprains, or ther lifting-reced injuries.</li> <li>Enforce a two-person lift police for moving and see a green eavy sterilizers, ensuring workers have requarted upport and communation during this potentially dangerous task.</li> <li>Implement corganised to ksite labely with marked pathways, storage areas, and operating zons coromotic safe navigurator for workers and preventing clutter-inducts lipping as to oning hazards.</li> <li>Estat shows signal clearance zones around electrical equipment like sterilizers to minimis a risk of accountal contact with electrical currents, as well as maintaining a clear line of short for operators.</li> <li>Course e oper communication among team members during the setup process to precopt rapid identification of potential hazards, understanding of roles and espons ones, and sharing of knowledge.</li> <li>velop and enforce a regular inspection schedule for sterilizing equipment to cause and rectify any wear and tear or faults, preventing potential hazards and ensuring optimal functionality at all times.</li> </ul>		
	5		<ul> <li>Provide adequate training to workers: Ensure that all personnel involved in the loading process are thoroughly trained in proper handling techniques for sharp objects, as well as in the safe operation of any required equipment.</li> <li>Utilise appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): Workers should wear cutresistant gloves and other relevant PPE, such as safety boots or footwear with adequate grip, while handling sharp objects to minimise the risk of injury.</li> </ul>		
3. Loading items	Sharp objects, Dropping items	2M	- Implement a clear workspace layout: Designate specific areas for storage, prepping, and loading, and establish one-way traffic patterns to reduce congestion and the likelihood of dropping items.	1L	
			- Secure items for transport: Use appropriate containers or securing mechanisms for individual items, such as trays or clips, to ensure they do not shift or fall during transport.		
			- Inspect equipment regularly: Regularly inspect loading equipment, such as trolleys and carts, to identify any potential issues that could lead to dropped items or other hazards.		



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			<ul> <li>Avoid overloading: Adhere to weight limits and capacity guidelines for equipment used in the loading process, keeping loads well-balanced to minimise the risk of dropping items.</li> </ul>		
			- Employ safe lifting techniques: Workers show the taught correct lifting techniques to avoid strain or injury while moving heave awkwardly-shaped items.		
			- Establish a hazard reporting system: Encourse error yees to report any perceived risks or incidents promptly so that corrective many second to be taken to prevent future hazards.		
			- Conduct regular safety audits deriodically review to identify areas where rover hits could be made detter safeguard workers from potential hours.		
			- Maintain et a tive communication: In terra pen line of communication among worker to sha concern or suggestive bout working processes, any changes to the some room transparticular care needed for specific items. This will help ensure as a sare or ed out safely and efficiently, minimising the risk of accidents or injuries		
4. Sterilisation process	High temperature, Press have s	ЗН		2M	



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5. Dwell time monitoring	Time management, Negligence	2M		1L	



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6. Cooling items	Burns, Steam hazards	4A		ЗН	



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7. Unloading items	Dropping items, Sharp objects	2M		1L	



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Packaging sterilised items	Strain injury, Packaging material hazard	2M		1L	



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9. Labelling items	Incorrect labelling, Miscommunication	3H		2M	



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11. Quality control checks	Faulty items, Exporte to 3900	2M		1L	



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12. Storage of sterilised items	Wrong storage conditions, incomple inventory tracking	3H		3H	



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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/legislative

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/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: 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

Occ. ational Health and afety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.csafe.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: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice</a>

#### 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
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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	
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