

Suspended Ceiling Insta	llation   SAFE WORK METH	HOD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK OF	R ACTIVITY: Suspended Ceiling I	nstallation	
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 PLOOF THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conductor the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (I SU) is	required to turn at a safe work method s	statement (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 VMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	N. 1E AND DATED SIGNATURE OF A CO. MUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELO	ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE B DPMENT 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 cond	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must structurately. 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 refrigerant 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	Falling objects, Slips and trips	ЗН	<ul> <li>Proper housekeeping: Regularly clean and maintain the work area to prevent accumulation of debris or clutter, which may lead to this and trips.</li> <li>Fall protection barriers: Install barricades or condition to be an additional state of the province of the work area to prevent accidental falls.</li> <li>Secure tools and equipment: Ensure that an ols an adulpment are securely fastened when not in use to mitigate the risk on the globjects.</li> <li>Wear proper personal prote to be equipment (PF). All works ashould wear appropriate safety gear such a hard hats, slip-rest on the less gloves, and safety glasses.</li> <li>Awareness troong: Province of training on hazarrangesociated with suspended ceiling installation for all workers to homote the provinces and hazard recognition.</li> <li>Lifting quipment in section: Regularly aspect hoists, scissor lifts, and other lifting equipment to depreciate and the provinces and hazard recognition.</li> <li>Lifting quipment in section: Regularly aspect hoists, scissor lifts, and other lifting equipment to depreciate and the provinces and hazard recognition.</li> <li>Load in litary is: Adnote to weight limits and any specific loading requirements for the equipment of materials being used during the installation process.</li> <li>Concar at less any egress points: Ensure that pathways to and from the worksite are free in the structions, reducing the risk of slips and trips.</li> <li>Age manual handling techniques: Teach workers proper lifting techniques and en jurage teamwork in handling heavy or oversized objects to minimise the risk of injury.</li> <li>Use of signage: Display warning signs indicating potential hazards in the work area.</li> <li>Emergency plan: Establish an emergency response plan in case of accidents, including a clear line of communication: Assign designated first aid personnel.</li> <li>Regular monitoring and supervision: Assign designat</li></ul>	2M	
2. Scaffolding Setup	Collapse, Falling from height	4A	<ul> <li>Ensure all scaffolding components and materials are in good condition, with no visible damage or defects.</li> <li>Only use scaffolding that meets the Australian Standards (AS/NZS 1576) for safety and functionality.</li> </ul>	3H	



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			- Develop a detailed scaffolding plan, including placement, design, and weight- bearing calculations before starting the setup process.		
			- Train all workers involved in setting up scaffolding a proper assembly and safety procedures, as well as using personal protection quipment (PPE).		
			- Ensure all scaffold platforms have secure ardrails, to pards, and appropriate fall prevention systems (e.g., safety harness in platform)		
			- Inspect the ground conditions before setting up a scaffolding to ensure it is level, stable, and can bear the loat of the scaffolding statute.		
			- Use base plates and mudsills shistribute the weight of scaffolding evenly and prevent settling or some		
			- Regularly remain and in sect the affoldir suring the installation process to identify and a sess any resential haz the inediately.		
			- Esta a safe of sopoint for workers to enter and exit the scaffolding area, such a hand ladde or temporary stairways.		
			- Install, uth pers or bilizers as needed to provide additional support and stability to the staffold a structure.		
			- sure raffold is secured at regular intervals to the building or structure it support prevent swaying or collapse.		
			Slearly mark load limits on each level of the scaffolding and do not exceed these lines at any time.		
			Implement exclusion zones around the scaffolding area to prevent unauthorised access and minimise the risk of injury to other onsite workers.		
			- Conduct a final inspection and sign-off by a competent person before allowing work to commence on the suspended ceiling installation.		
			<ul> <li>Properly isolate and mark electrical circuits prior to the start of work, ensuring all power sources are turned off and locked out/tagged out as per company's electrical safety guidelines.</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>Use appropriate PPE, such as insulated gloves, protective eyewear, and non- conductive footwear, when working near electrical aspects or components during suspended ceiling frame installation.</li> </ul>		
Suspended Ceiling     Frame Installation	Electric shock, Manual handling injuries	3H	- Keep a well-stocked and complete electrical first aid kit at the worksite to treat any possible electric shock injuries immediately.	2M	
			- Inspect tools and equipment, including ladders and scaffolding, for proper working condition and compliance with safety regulations before beginning the installation process.		
			- Implement regular breaks and rotations for workers involved in repetitive or strenuous tasks, such as heavy lifting or prolonged overhead work, to minimise the risk of manual handling injuries.		



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			- Provide manual handling training to all workers, emphasising proper lifting techniques, using mechanical aids where possible, and recognizing signs of fatigue or strain that may lead to musculoskeletal damage.		
			- Maintain good housekeeping practices through at the installation process, keeping work areas free of clutter and debris, so as a minimise trip hazards and other potential accidents.		
			- Ensure adequate communication is maintain to ween team members at all times, including clear instructions about the post sing of ladder lifting of materials, etc., to prevent accidental injure.		
			- Establish emerger sedur and evacuation prespecific to the worksite, making sure all selections amiliary with these protocols in case of an accident involving sure added ceiling ame in allation		
			- Implement on hing more ring and standsion of all safety controls, conducting regular fety at stands to ensure compliance with SWMS, as well as providing opport in a storic peack and addressing any concerns raised by the employees.		
4. Lifting Materials	Struck by object, Muscle trains	2M		1L	



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5. Installing Light Fixtures	Electric shock, Falling objects	ЗН		2M	



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6. Install Ceiling Tiles	Cutting hazards, Ergonomic stress	2M		1L	



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7. Electrical Connections	Fire, Electrocution	4A		ЗН	



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8. HVAC System Integration	Dust inhalation, Working at heights	3H		1L	



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9. Acoustic Barrier Installation	Manual handling injuries, Noise exposure	2M		1L	



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10. Quality Inspection	Tripping hazards, Work at height	2M		1L	



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11. Clean Up	Slips, trips, and falls, Hazardous waste exposure	2M		1L	



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12. Job Completion Handover	Communication breakdowns, Documentation errors	1L		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: <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/codes-oi-practice

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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 2011

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: <a href="https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation">https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation</a>

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 afety 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.

Worker Name	Pos	sition	Signature	Date	Time	Su	pervisor	
				Date:				
			Late:					
				Date:				
	Date:							
		SAF WC A 5	THOO STATEMENT	MONITORING AND	REVIEW			
The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to the ke sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure and subcontract is an expectation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who recessented 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	