# Working in Public Areas | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)

**TASK OR ACTIVITY: Working in Public Areas**

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| Business Name: [Company Name] | ABN: [ABN] | SWMS# |
| Business Address: [Company Address] | | |
| Contact Person: | Phone: [Phone] | Email: |

**THIS SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE PCBU OF THE PROJECT**

Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) is required to ensure that a safe work method statement (SWMS) is prepared before the proposed work starts.

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| Full Name: | | |
| Signature: | Title: | Date: |

Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring and compliance of the SWMS as well as reviews and modifications of the SWMS.

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| Full Name: | Title: | Phone: |

| ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS SWMS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED | NAME AND DATED SIGNATURE OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COMMUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS | | |
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| Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheduled in accordance with legislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, secondly to communicate those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or control each hazard. | | | |
| If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must stop immediately. 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. | | | |
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| 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. | | | |
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| 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. | | | |
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| CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS | |
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| Client: | SCOPE OF WORKS |
| Project Name: | Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwise known as a scope of works). |
| Project Address: | |
| Project Manager: | |
| Contact Phone: | |
| Project Manager Signature: | |
| Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager: | |

| ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT | |
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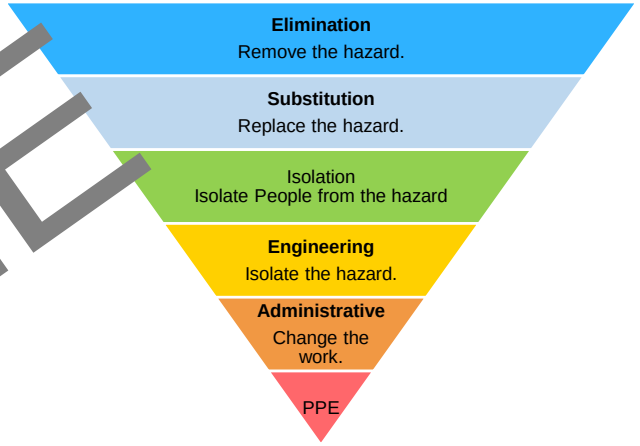
| ☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters. | ☐ is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping. |
| ☐ is carried out on a telecommunication tower. | ☐ is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines. |
| ☐ involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-bearing. | ☐ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services. |
| ☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integrity of a structure. | ☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere. |
| ☐ involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asbestos. | ☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete. |
| ☐ involves structural alteration or repair that requires temporary support to prevent collapse. | ☐ is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor. |
| ☐ is carried out in or 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/near a shaft or trench deeper than 1.5m or tunnel involving use of explosives. | ☐ is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature. |
| ☐ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning. | ☐ involves diving work. |

| ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINERY 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 - | |

## RISK MATRIX

| LIKELIHOOD | INSIGNIFICANT | MINOR | MODERATE | MAJOR | CATASTROPHIC | SCORE | ACTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALMOST CERTAIN | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | | |
| LIKELY | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | 4A ACUTE | DO NOT PROCEE |
| POSSIBLE | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 4 ACUTE | 3H HIGH | Review befo work starts. |
| UNLIKELY | 1 LOW | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 4 ACUTE | 2M MODERATE | Ensure control measures in place. |
| RARE | 1 LOW | 1 LOW | 2 MODERATE | 3 HIGH | 3 HIGH | 1L LOW | nitor and k records |

HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS




**Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:** Elimination methods are the most effective and preferre en co lli d hazard. Substitution is the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the ost ef ve, while Administrative Controls by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Eq ment) he least effective method.

## PERS NAL TECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

| FOOT PROTECTION | HAND PROTECTION | HEAD PROTECTION | HEARING PROTECTION | E PROTE | SPIRATORY PROTECTION | FACE PROTECTION | HIGH-VIS CLOTHING | PROTECTIVE CLOTHING | FALL PROTECTION | SUN PROTECTION | HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED |
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| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

Select the 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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| 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, Falling objects | 2M | - Inspect and monitor the work area regularly for potential trip hazards, such as exposed cables or debris, ensuring that pathways are clear and well-maintained.<br>- Clearly mark any identified hazards so they are visible to all workers and pedestrians within proximity of the work area.<br>- Install temporary barricades or barriers in areas where there is a risk of falling objects or trip hazards, to prevent unauthorised access.<br>- Store equipment and materials properly in designated areas to minimise the risk of falling objects and trip hazards.<br>- Train all workers on hazard identification and awareness, emphasising the importance of proper housekeeping practices and incident reporting.<br>- Ensure personal protective equipment (PPE), including proper footwear with slip-resistant soles, high visibility vests, and hard hats are worn by all workers to minimise injury from potential trip hazards and falling objects.<br>- Schedule work activities during times of low pedestrian traffic, if possible, to decrease exposure to the public and reduce the potential for accidents.<br>- Implement a buddy system among workers, where they are responsible for each other's safety, and encourage communication about hazardous conditions within the work area.<br>- Use signs, cones, and warning tape to designate work zones, particularly in areas where trips and falls may occur due to ongoing construction or maintenance work.<br>- Conduct regular toolbox talks to remind the crew members about safe work practices and demonstrate appropriate response measures in case of trip hazards or falling objects.<br>- Utilise a permit-to-work system for high-risk tasks or operations within public areas, ensuring all necessary precautions and control measures are in place before commencing the task.<br>- Regularly assess and review risks associated with the work activities and implement additional control measures as required, adapting to any changes observed in the work environment.<br>- Develop an emergency response plan for incidents involving trip hazards and falling objects within public areas, ensuring it addresses first aid provisions, rescue procedures, and incident reporting requirements, and familiarise all workers with the plan. | 1L | |
| 2. Site Inspection | Slippery surfaces, Uneven terrain | 2M | - Conduct a thorough site inspection prior to commencing work to identify potential hazards, such as slippery surfaces and uneven terrain, and address them accordingly. | 1L | |

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| | | | - Ensure that all workers are provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including slip-resistant footwear, to minimise the risk of slips, trips, and falls on slippery or uneven surfaces.<br>- Clearly mark and barricade areas where slippery or uneven surfaces are present to prevent access by unauthorised personnel and to warn workers of potential hazards.<br>- Implement regular cleaning schedules for public areas being worked on, inspecting for spills, debris, or other hazards that may cause slippery conditions and addressing them promptly.<br>- Provide site-specific training for workers and subcontractors on how to safely navigate the work area, highlighting any identified slippery surfaces, uneven terrain, and other potential hazards.<br>- Utilise temporary ground coverings or matting systems in areas where slippery or uneven surfaces are unavoidable, and ensure these are properly installed and secure.<br>- Maintain clear communication channels for site supervisors and workers to report any new or worsening hazards throughout the duration of the project so they can be addressed promptly.<br>- Monitor weather conditions and adjust work schedules accordingly, postponing outdoor activities during periods of heavy rain or snow to reduce the likelihood of slippery surfaces.<br>- Consider utilising temporary handrails or other stability devices in areas with particularly uneven terrain or steep inclines to support workers as they navigate the work site.<br>- Establish procedures for reporting any incidents or near-misses related to slippery surfaces or uneven terrain, allowing for continuous improvement of safety measures and awareness among workers.<br>- Continuously review and update the SWMS based on ongoing risk assessments, site inspections, and worker feedback to ensure that control measures remain effective and relevant to the specific work environment. | | |
| 3. Setting Barricades | Exposure to traffic, Struck by moving vehicles | 3H | - Proper Planning and Communication: Ensure that all workers are aware of the work plan and potential hazards while setting up barricades in public areas.<br>- Risk Assessment: Conduct a thorough risk assessment to identify potential hazards and establish effective control measures before commencing work.<br>- Traffic Management Plan: Develop and implement a traffic management plan that includes designated walkways, clear signage, and suitably informed personnel to manage pedestrian and vehicle traffic.<br>- High Visibility Clothing: All workers must wear high visibility clothing compliant with Australian Standards, to ensure they are visible to motorists and pedestrians. | 2M | |

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| | | | - Training and Competency: Workers must be adequately trained and competent in the correct procedure for setting up barricades and managing traffic in public areas.<br>- Vehicle Exclusion Zones: Establish vehicle exclusion zones around the work area using barriers, cones, or other appropriate means to prevent unauthorised vehicles from entering the area.<br>- Clear Signage: Use clear and appropriate signage to warn motorists and pedestrians of the worksite and to direct them around it safely.<br>- Correct Equipment: Use appropriate equipment when setting up barricades, such as trolleys or carts, to minimise manual handling risks.<br>- Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS): Follow the SWMS at all times to ensure compliance with workplace health and safety requirements.<br>- Review and Update Controls: Regularly review and update control measures to ensure their ongoing effectiveness in mitigating hazards.<br>- Supervision: Ensure there is adequate supervision during the setup process to monitor compliance with the established control measures and promptly address any issues that arise.<br>- Emergency Response Plan: Establish an emergency response plan to address potential accidents and accidents resulting from exposure to traffic or moving vehicles during the workflow.<br>- Continuous Improvement: Encourage all team members to report any observed hazards or safety concerns to their supervisor, and regularly review and improve safety practices on site. | | |
| 4. Equipment Setup | Manual handling injuries, Electrical hazards | 3H | [redacted] | 1L | |

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| 5. Work Commencement | Exposure to loud noises, Airborne debris | 3H | [redacted] | 2M | |

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| 6. Working at Heights | Falls from heights, Dropped tools | 4A | [redacted] | 2M | |

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| 7. Working with Power Tools | Cuts and abrasions, [redacted] injuries | 2M | [redacted] | 1L | |

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| 8. Handling Chemicals | Chemical spills, In[redacted] fumes | [redacted]8H | [redacted] | 1L | |

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| 9. Excavation Works | Unstable trenches, [redacted] of excavation walls | 3H | [redacted] | 2M | |

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| 10. Traffic Management | Collisions with pedestrians, Struck-by incidents | 2M | [redacted] | 1L | |

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| 11. Break & Rest Periods | Inadequate rest spaces, [redacted]xertion | 2M | [redacted] | 1L | |

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| 12. Clean Up & Demobilization | Waste disposal hazards, Manual handling injuries | 2M | [redacted] | 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 FOR ANY STATE THAT 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/legislation
Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-of-codes-of-practice

**Northern Territory**
Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011
Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011
Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplace-safety-laws
Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/forms-and-resources/codes-of-practice

**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/workplaces/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 and Safety Act 2004
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017
Legislation VIC: https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations
Codes of Practice VIC: https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice

**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 | Position | Signature | Date | Time | Supervisor |
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## SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

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**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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 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 SWM | ☐ | ☐ | |
| SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecti se tions. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the im ementa of cont measures. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Wor Electrical Work, W at Heights etc. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be us d. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed ar noted on the SWMS. | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, training 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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| **REVIEWED BY** | | **DATE REVIEWED** | |
| **SIGNATURE** | | **DATE COMPLETED** | |