

Asbestos Containing Material	s Removal SAFE WORK I	METHOD STATEMENT (SWM	S)
TASK OR ACT	FIVITY: Asbestos Containing Mat	erials Removal	
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 P. OF THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (I SU) is	required to ure 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 WMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED		ILL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE B OPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheded in accordance with agislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, hazards and then to further take steps to either the schede or continuous those hazards.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must standardly. 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.			



		CL	IENT OR PRINCIPAL	AL CONTRACTOR DETAILS					
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	gnature:								
Date SWMS supplie	ed to Project Manager:								
		ANY HIGH	N' JRK BEING	CARRIED OUT					
☐ involves a risk of a p	erson falling more than 2 n	neters.		is carried out on	or near pressurised gas mains	s or piping.			
☐ is carried out on a te	lecommunication tower.		is carried out on	or near chemical, fuel or refrig	erant lines.				
					or near energised electrical ins	stallations or services.			
☐ involves demolition of	of an element related to the	e physical integrit of a str	3	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.					
☐ involves, or is likely t	o involve, disturbing a es	stos.		☐ involves tilt-up o	r precast concrete.				
☐ involves structural al	teration or repair that re	mporal, upp to p	prevent collapse.	is carried out on	, in or adjacent to a road, railwa	ay, shipping lane or other tr	affic corridor.		
is carried out in or ne	ear a confined space.			is carried out in	an area of a workplace where t	there is any movement of po	owered mobile plant.		
☐ is carried out in/near	a shaft or trench deeper th	nan 1.5m or tunnel involvir	ng use of explosives.	is carried out in	areas with artificial extremes of	f temperature.			
is carried out in or ne	ear water or other liquid tha	at involves a risk of drowning	ng.	involves diving v	vork.				
		ANY H	IGH-RISK MACHINER	RY OR EQUIPMEN	NT 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 -			





FOOT HAND **HEAD HEARING** SPIRATORY FACE HIGH-VIS **PROTECTIVE** FALL SUN HAIR/JEWELLERY CLOTHING **PROTECTION PROTECTION** PROTECTION **PROTECTION** PROTE DTECTION **PROTECTION** CLOTHING **PROTECTION PROTECTION SECURED**

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	Asbestos dust inhalation, Electric sho	ЗН	 Develop a comprehensive Asbestos Removal Control Plan (ARCP) outlining the procedures, methods, and resources required for safety removing asbestos-containing materials from the worksite. Conduct thorough risk assessments to idd by asbestos-containing materials, potential hazards, and define work zones to a sure effective control measures are in place. Only engage personnel who have undergone so stalised training in asbestos removal, and are certified to incide and dispose on sbestor containing materials safely. Utilise approprise personal prote ive equipment (PPE), including respiratory masks with the Artillers, dispable werallse loves, and shoe covers, which must be worn by an athorised a sonnel who is used on handling asbestos-containing materials. Clear is marca as the work zone through signage, barrier tapes, and warning notices real citing a less to only authorised and trained personnel involved in the asbests are not all prospins. Establit dects amination points at designated entry and exit points of the work zone quipment used in asbestos removal are either designed expert ped war facilities for workers to safely remove contaminated disposable PPE, as hands/face, and change into clean clothes. Insure that all tools and equipment used in asbestos removal are either designed expert is to suppress asbestos dust and minimise its dispersal during the removal process. Use specialised vacuum cleaners fitted with HEPA filters to collect any asbestos-contaminated dust and debris, ensuring proper disposal according to local regulations. Continuously monitor airborne asbestos levels within the work zone during material removal using calibrated air monitoring devices, adjusting control measures accordingly if levels exceed the allowable exposure limit. Perform regular visual inspections for any signs of damaged or deteriorated asbestos-containing materials, ensuring prompt remediation or disposal actions are taken to minimise	2M	
2. Site Inspection	fibres	3H		1L	



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			 Conduct a thorough site inspection before commencing work, ensuring to identify and assess all potential hazards, such as uneven surfaces or obstacles that could lead to slips, trips, and falls. Provide appropriate Personal Protective Equit cent (PPE) for workers, including non-slip footwear, to minimise the risk of slic crips, and falls while navigating the site, and to prevent exposure to asbestos fit s. Implement a strict prohibition on workers eather criking, or smoking in the designated asbestos removal area, reducing the chance of incluting or inhaling harmful asbestos fibres. Clearly mark the decreated we assone with warning cans and barriers, informing workers and visit to of the agoing asbestos removal, and restricting access to authorised proposed as ventile on during the choosal process to control the conclusion on the sofibres in the air and to minimise worker exposure. Emptor a clear a methods or a suitable dust suppression agent to keep asbest in a rials do not, thus reducing the release of airborne asbestos fibres during the renewal process. Silise a signal evacuum cleaners with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter as ally clear up any spills, debris, or dust containing asbestos fibres; prohibit he use a gular vacuums and brooms for cleaning purposes. Svide proper training to workers on how to identify and manage asbestoscondining materials, as well as best practices for handling these materials to prevent accidental exposure. Develop and implement a detailed procedure for responding to any incidents where workers may have been exposed to asbestos fibres, including immediate decontamination processes and follow-up medical checks. Conduct regular audits and reviews of the site's control measures, procedures, and worker adherence to these guidelines, to ensure continuous improvement of health and safety practices during the asbestos removal process. 		
3. Isolation of Work Area	Unauthorised access, Contamination of surrounding areas	ЗН	 Restrict access: Implement a secured perimeter around the work area, allowing only authorised personnel with appropriate PPE to enter the asbestos removal zone. This can be done using barrier tapes, cones, or temporary fencing. Signage: Clearly display signs around the isolation area indicating the presence of asbestos and warning unauthorised persons not to enter. Also, include contact details for the responsible person should anyone have any concerns. Negative air pressure units: Utilise negative air pressure units to help prevent the spread of airborne asbestos fibers beyond the isolated work area. This will ensure that any air movement is directed into containment filtration systems. Covers and encapsulation: Ensure all surfaces outside the isolation area are covered with protective sheeting or plastic where possible, to further reduce the risk 	2M	



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			of contamination. Surfaces inside the work area should also be encapsulated to minimise the release of asbestos fibers.		
			- Decontamination facilities: Establish a decontame and a adjacent to the work zone for workers to properly clean themselves at their equipment before leaving the site. This includes the provision of show a acilities and changing areas where necessary.		
			- Air monitoring: Conduct regular air quality test anin the surrounding environment to detect any potential asbestos continuation. The will help ensure that control measures continuate be effective in containing a spread of asbestos fibers.		
			- Dust suppression use were missing or dampering methods to keep dust levels low during the amoval process. Add conally and using high-pressure cleaning methods or in chanical curving tools to the most generate excessive amounts of dust.		
			- Sed storage for any asbestos waste generated is stored in sealed contains which a clearly labelled and locked away from unauthorised personnel. These processes are left then be transported to an approved waste disposal facility.		
			- Toolbo talk Provide gular toolbox talks to everyone involved in the removal oject, uphasing the importance of maintaining the integrity of the isolated work and to provent upontrolled exposure and contamination.		
			Regular spections: Have a designated site supervisor or safety officer conduct ular inspections of the work area, enforcing compliance with established control musures and taking actions to address any potential risks that may arise during the asbestos removal process.		
4. PPE Selection & Use	Incorrect wear or disposal, Insufficient protection for workers	3H		1L	



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5. Asbestos Removal Tools	Improper tool use, Electric shock, Injury from sharp edges	3Н		2M	



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6. Wetting Asbestos Materials	Slip hazards, Electrical hazards	2M		1L	
7. Removal Process	Asbestos fiber disturbance, Musculoskeletal injuries	3H		1L	



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. Decontamination	Incomplete or ineflective decontamination, Cross contamination	зн		2M	



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9. Loading Waste Containers	Overexertion, Spillage/le	2M		1L	



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10. Transportation of Waste	Vehicle incident, Spreading of debris during transit	2M		1L	



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11. Waste Disposal	Inappropriate or illegal disposal, Cross-contamination	2M		1L	



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12. Asbestos Clearance Verification	Remaining traces of asbestos, Misreporting	2M		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: 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

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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 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 2011

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

Occupational 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: 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.

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Worker Name	Pos	sition	Signature	Date	Time	Sup	pervisor
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them to understand and imp					tently developing ever-imp	3 ,	· '
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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.			
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