

## Cagemaker | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)

### TASK OR ACTIVITY: Cagemaker

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.

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.

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

Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheduled in accordance with legislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, then to communicate those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or control each hazard.

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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.

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.

## CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS

Client:	SCOPE OF WORKS  Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwise known as scope of works).
Project Name:	
Project Address:	
Project Manager:	
Contact Phone:	
Project Manager Signature:	
Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager:	

## ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTION WORK BEING CARRIED OUT

<input type="checkbox"/> involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on a telecommunication tower.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-bearing.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves demolition of an element related to the physical integrity of a structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asbestos.	<input type="checkbox"/> involves tilt-up or precast concrete.
<input type="checkbox"/> involves structural alteration or repair that requires temporary support to prevent collapse.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in or near a confined space.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in/near a shaft or trench deeper than 1.5m or tunnel involving use of explosives.	<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
<input type="checkbox"/> is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	<input type="checkbox"/> involves diving work.

## ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY

<input type="checkbox"/> Forklift	<input type="checkbox"/> Crane/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Hoist/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavator	<input type="checkbox"/> Backhoe/Loader	<input type="checkbox"/> Boom Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> EWP	<input type="checkbox"/> Genie Lift
<input type="checkbox"/> Trencher	<input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Rig	<input type="checkbox"/> Trucks	<input type="checkbox"/> Formwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat	<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> Dozer
<input type="checkbox"/> High Voltage	<input type="checkbox"/> Mulcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Tilt-up Panels	<input type="checkbox"/> Roller	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> Tractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Other -	

RISK MATRIX									
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION	HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS	
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE			<b>Elimination</b> Remove the hazard.	
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCEED	<b>Substitution</b> Replace the hazard.	
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.	<b>Isolation</b> Isolate People from the hazard	
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	<b>Engineering</b> Isolate the hazard.	
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	Monitor and keep records	<b>Administrative</b> Change the work.	
<b>Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:</b> Elimination methods are the most effective and preferred when controlling a hazard. Substitution is the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the third most effective, while Administrative Controls by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is the least effective method.									

  

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)											
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING PROTECTION	EYE PROTECTION	RESPIRATORY 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:

- persons involved in the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS;
- 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,
- 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	Slips, trips and falls, Electrical hazards	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a thorough risk assessment and site inspection: Identify, assess and control potential slip, trip or fall hazards as well as electrical hazards in the preparation area prior to commencing work.</li> <li>- Implement housekeeping procedures: Ensure proper organisation and tidiness of the worksite to minimise the possibility of slips, trips, and falls. Remove any unnecessary obstacles, debris, and electrical cords from walking paths and work areas.</li> <li>- Provide and maintain appropriate PPE: Ensure workers are equipped with suitable personal protective equipment (PPE), such as non-slip footwear, to mitigate risks associated with slips, trips, and falls.</li> <li>- Properly secure all electrical connections: Use appropriate extension cords and plugs that are compatible with each other and place them securely to minimise the likelihood of electrical incidents.</li> <li>- Implement cord management strategies: Position cords away from high traffic areas, and use cable trays, covers or overhead supports where possible to further reduce the risk of tripping on electrical cables.</li> <li>- Train employees on workplace safety: Educate workers about the importance of hazard identification, risk assessment, and maintaining safe work practices, including how to recognise signs of potential electrical hazards.</li> <li>- Regularly inspect and maintain equipment: Ensure that all materials and tools used in the preparation phase, including electrical equipment, are inspected regularly for damage and wear to prevent accidents.</li> <li>- Establish emergency procedures: Develop clear and concise protocols for responding to incidents involving slips, trips, falls, or electrical hazards, including how to report emergencies and provide appropriate first aid care.</li> <li>- Clearly mark any identified hazards: Have visible signage and markings to alert workers and visitors of any slip, trip, fall or electrical hazards on the premises.</li> <li>- Install adequate lighting: To help prevent slips, trips and falls, ensure the work environment is appropriately lit and that there are no dark corners or poorly illuminated areas. Ensure walkways have sufficient visibility and consider using portable task lighting for specific tasks.</li> <li>- Encourage open communication: Allow employees to voice concerns surrounding workplace hazards and foster a culture of safety in the workplace. Assess the effectiveness of implemented control measures through regular feedback and make improvements as needed.</li> </ul>	1L	
2. Material handling	Manual handling injuries, PPE related hazards	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proper Manual Handling Techniques: Train all workers on the correct lifting and carrying techniques, emphasising the importance of bending at the knees, not the waist, and engaging the core muscles for stability.</li> </ul>	2M	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of Material Handling Equipment: Encourage workers to use trolleys, hand trucks or other equipment to transport heavy or bulky items when possible, reducing manual handling stress and strain.</li> <li>- Adequate Staffing: Ensure that enough trained employees are available for each task, sharing the load and minimising any individual's risk of injury.</li> <li>- Job Rotation: Implement regular job rotation to avoid repetitive stress-based injuries and provide variety in work tasks.</li> <li>- Breaks and Rest Periods: Schedule frequent breaks to allow for rest and recovery, reducing the risk of fatigue-related injuries.</li> <li>- PPE Training and Compliance: Provide mandatory training on how to select the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for each task, including gloves, safety boots, and high-visibility clothing. Regularly monitor employees to ensure compliance with PPE policies.</li> <li>- Storage and Organisation: Keep materials and tools organised to minimise trip hazards and to improve workplace efficiency, making it easier for workers to find and handle necessary items.</li> <li>- Hazard Communication: Clearly communicate potential hazards related to specific materials being handled, and establish practices for safely managing these hazards.</li> <li>- Ergonomic Assessment and Improvements: Conduct regular ergonomic assessments to identify areas where improvements can be made to reduce the risk of injury. This may involve adjusting workstations, using supportive equipment, or modifying processes.</li> <li>- Accident Reporting and Investigation: Encourage prompt reporting of manual handling incidents and near-misses. Investigate each incident thoroughly to identify root causes, and implement corrective actions to prevent future occurrences.</li> <li>- Regular Safety Meetings and Refresher Training: Conduct regular health and safety meetings to review material handling procedures, discuss any recent incidents or near-misses, and provide refresher training on manual handling techniques and PPE usage.</li> </ul>		
3. Cage assembly	Sharp edges, pinch points	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular inspection of equipment: Ensure that all tools and machinery used for cage assembly are regularly inspected and maintained to prevent the occurrence of sharp edges or pinch points.</li> <li>- Safety gloves: Workers should always wear safety gloves to protect their hands against cuts and punctures while handling materials and assembling cages.</li> <li>- Safety glasses: Encourage workers to wear safety glasses to protect their eyes from flying debris or sharp particles created during the cage assembly process.</li> <li>- Use of appropriate tools: Make sure workers use appropriate hand tools, such as pliers and cutters, specifically designed for cage assembly to reduce the likelihood of injury when dealing with sharp edges or pinch points.</li> </ul>	1L	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training and supervision: Provide comprehensive training to all employees involved in cage assembly, emphasising how to handle materials safely and prevent injuries. It's crucial to supervise inexperienced workers, ensuring they follow proper safety procedures.</li> <li>- Clear signage: Post clear signage around the workplace identifying hazard areas associated with cage assembly, such as sharp edges and pinch points.</li> <li>- Barricade danger zones: If possible, create safety zones for cage assembly and restrict access to only those workers directly involved in the process.</li> <li>- Ergonomic workspace design: Design the cage assembly station ergonomically to minimise awkward postures and forceful exertions that could contribute to injuries associated with sharp edges or pinch points.</li> <li>- Correct handling techniques: Train workers on correct material handling techniques for safely transporting components during the cage assembly process, avoiding any contact with sharp edges.</li> <li>- Deburr and smooth edges before assembly: Take necessary steps to deburr and smooth out sharp edges on cage components before the assembly begins, reducing the risk of injury during the process.</li> <li>- Proper job rotation: Implement a job rotation schedule for workers to minimise repetitive motions and exposure to hazards associated with cage assembly.</li> <li>- Emergency response plan: Have an emergency response plan in place that outlines specific actions to take if a worker suffers an injury from sharp edges or pinch points during cage assembly.</li> <li>- Incident reporting and monitoring: Encourage workers to report all incidents and near misses related to sharp edges and pinch points during cage assembly. Regularly review reports and monitor trends to identify potential hazards and implement additional control measures as needed.</li> <li>- Continuous improvement: Regularly review and update the SWMS to reflect changes in work processes, equipment, or materials used in cage assembly. Involve workers in the identification of hazards and the development of control measures to promote a strong safety culture.</li> </ul>		
4. Welding process	Welding fumes, Welding flash	4A	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	2M	

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5. Grinding and cutting	Noise, Hand-arm vibration syndrome	3H	<div>[REDACTED]</div> <div>[REDACTED]</div>	1L	







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7. Confined space entry	Gas exposure, Oxygen deficiency	4		2M	

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8. Inspections	Working at height, Empty tools	1M		1L	

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12. Site clean-up	Sharp objects, Chemical spills	2M	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	1L	

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SAMPLE



## 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 IF 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>

### 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>

### 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-codes-of-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>

### 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/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-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

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.

## 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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			Date:		
			Date:		
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			Date:		

## SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

**The SWMS must be reviewed regularly** to make sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are needed. 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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Names and signatures of all relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the implementation of control measures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Work at Heights etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed are noted on the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, training, skills required to perform the work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lists any required permits or licenses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIEWED		
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		