

PVC Pipe Saw S	SAFE WORK METHOD STA	TEMENT (SWMS)	
1	TASK OR ACTIVITY: PVC Pipe Sa	W	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E 111:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE POST THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (r 3U) is	required to ture at a safe work method s	tatement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	compliance of the SWMS well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS WMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	N. 1E AND DATED SIGNATURE OF A CO. MUNICATED TO IN THE DEVELO	LL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE B PMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with agislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions are or conditions.	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	CONTRACTOR D	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	RISK CON PUCT	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.		M + M	is carried out on	or near chemical, fuel or refrig	erant lines.		
☐ involves demolition of	of an element of a structure	that is load-be		is carried out on	or near energised electrical ins	stallations or services.		
☐ involves demolition of	of an element related to the	e physical integril of a str	3	is carried out in	an area that may have a conta	minated or flammable atmo	sphere.	
☐ 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 temperature.				
is carried out in or ne	ear water or other liquid tha	at involves a risk of drowning	ng.	involves diving work.				
		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	Tripping over materials, Incorrect use of equipment	2M	 Keep the work area clean and tidy by regularly removing any debris, materials, or equipment that is not in use to prevent tripping haza. Clearly mark designated walkways, storage across, and workstations to ensure proper organisation and minimise the risk accidents. Provide workers with thorough training on the correct use of PVC pipe saws and other related equipment, including the importance collowing manufacturer recommendations and safety quidelines. Require all workers to wear accopriate personal paters acquipment (PPE), such as gloves, safety gland and subtoted boots, in or taxo reduce the risk of injury from sharp edge and dropped tools. Use cable to ers, cord or unizers, a retractole extension cords to prevent electrical cable from beauting a tripped azard. Period agular dections of equipment, tools, and machinery to ensure that they are in our working condition and safe to use. Remove any damaged or faulty equipment to did can repaired or replaced. Clearly omnolicate the scope, sequence, and expected duration of tasks to all them melbers to insure that everyone has a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilies. Implement a system for reporting and addressing safety concerns promptly to enourage a strong safety culture and proactively address potential risks before they escalate. Hold briefings and toolbox talks at the beginning of each shift to reinforce the importance of workplace safety, discuss specific hazards related to the day's tasks, and remind workers of the control measures in place to mitigate risks. Establish an emergency response plan, including first aid kits and trained personnel, evacuation routes, and procedures for reporting incidents, ensuring that all workers are aware of these processes and prepared to respond if a situation arises. 	1L	
2. Measuring & marking	Sharp edges, Eye damage from debris	2M	 Provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Workers should wear safety gloves and appropriate clothing to minimise the risk of injury from sharp edges during measuring & marking. Use of proper tools: Utilise measuring and marking instruments specifically designed for industrial applications and PVC pipes, such as a pipe cutter fitted with a fine-toothed saw blade, to prevent damage and reduce hazards. Training and awareness: All workers involved in this work step should be adequately trained in safe handling techniques and provided with regular updates on potential risks and hazards associated with measuring and marking PVC pipes. 	1L	



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			 Eye protection: Safety goggles or glasses must be worn by all workers when cutting, measuring, and marking PVC pipes to safeguard against eye damage due to debris. Secure pipe before cutting: Place the PVC pipes a stable position using a pipe vice or stand, ensuring it doesn't roll or more unile being measured, marked, and cut. Clear workspace: Keep the working area clear carrier of clutter, and ensure adequate lighting is present to address any pote oil trip hazard aluring the measuring and marking proce. Proper disposal of the Regular dy collect and approviately dispose of cuttings and debris to missue the sk of a sinjuries and maintain cleanliness in the working area. Regular inspection of the land equipment Periodically check the condition of the tools are equipment and for measuring, marking, and cutting PVC pipes, ensuring they a supposed we sing order and safe for use. Replace any damaged or worn-out tools a newed. Barrier systems: Instant emporary barriers around the cutting area to contain flying labris all restrongants. Correct chinique: Workers should practice the correct methods for measuring, and cutting PVC pipes, including applying gentle pressure while cutting to mainse the chance of slips and accidents. Emergency response plan: Establish an emergency response procedure for the worksite, including first aid kits and trained first-aid responders, to ensure prompt and appropriate action in case of an accident or injury during the measuring and marking stage. 		
3. Cutting PVC pipe	Cuts and abrasions, Dust inhalation	ЗН	 Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Ensure all workers wear appropriate PPE, including cut-resistant gloves, safety goggles, and dust masks to minimise the risk of cuts, abrasions, and dust inhalation. Pre-cutting inspection: Visually inspect the PVC pipe for any defects or damage that may cause it to break, shatter or splinter during cutting, which could lead to injuries. Appropriate tools: Utilise the correct cutting tools, such as PVC pipe saws, ratchet cutters, or handsaws specifically designed for cutting plastic pipes to reduce the possibility of slips and potential injury. Tool maintenance: Regularly inspect and maintain cutting tools, ensuring they are sharp and in good condition to minimise effort and prevent slippage during use. Safe handling techniques: Train workers on proper techniques when cutting PVC pipes, including holding the pipe securely and maintaining a safe distance from the cutting edge to minimise the risk of injury. 	2M	



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			- Ventilation: Ensure adequate ventilation in the workspace to disperse dust particles and provide fresh air, reducing the risk of dust inhalation.		
			- Dust collection: Implement a dust collection system in the work area, such as a vacuum with a HEPA filter or wet cutting method to capture and contain airborne dust particles before they can be inhaled by carkers.		
			- Cutting area setup: Set up a designated cutting area an appropriate signage, away from other unrelated tasks and pedestrial country, to minimise hazards posed by flying debris or workers accidentally coming in contact with autting equipment.		
			- Breaks and rotation: Schedul egular breaks and tate orkers among different tasks to avoid overest and risk of accidents to fatigue.		
			- Workplace process and to ping: be elop and to element workplace health and safety policits elated to P pipe cong, a coutinely provide workers with training on haze the identification, risk as comment, and control measures to ensure their response to the interest of th		
4. Deburring edges	Hand strain, Sharp edge	2M		1L	



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5. Pipe joining	Heat source burns, Inhalarumes	ЗН		2M	



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6. Leak testing	Slipping on wet surfaces, Electrical shock	ЗН		2M	



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7. Trench digging	Hit underground utilities, Fall in trench	3H		1L	



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8. Pipe installation	Crushing, Struck by dropped objects	4A		2M	



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9. Backfilling & compacting	Uneven surfaces, Sprains and strains			1L	



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IO. Pressure testing	Pipe failure, Pressure release hazards	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK	



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11. Landscaping completion	Trips and slips on from repetitive tasks	2M		1L	



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12. Clean-up & disposal	Manual handling it ries, Francial contamination	5W		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/legislat

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis

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 at Safety Act 34

Occupational Health and Infety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.safe.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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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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