

Pallet Jack Powered	I   SAFE WORK METHOD S	TATEMENT (SWMS)	
TAS	K OR ACTIVITY: Pallet Jack Pow	ered	
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 POST THE PROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (N 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 of the cond	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must structured. 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.			



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		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	is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping.				
☐ is carried out on a te	lecommunication tower.		is carried out on	is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.					
☐ involves demolition of	of an element of a structure	that is load-be		is carried out on	s carried out on or near energised electrical installations 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 contaminated or flammable atmosphere.					
☐ involves, or is likely t	o involve, disturbing a es	stos.		☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete.					
☐ involves structural al	teration 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	ear 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 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 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	Incorrect equipment selection, Inadequate workspace	ЗН	<ul> <li>Proper Equipment Selection: Ensure that the powered pallet jack model is suitable for the task at hand and is within its load capacity to sevent overloading and potential accidents.</li> <li>Equipment Inspection: Regularly inspect. Prowered pallet jack, including all tires, forks, battery and controls, to ensure it's in and working order before use.</li> <li>Workspace Assessment: Identify any obstruct an avalkways or uneven surfaces in the workspace that may interfare with safe operating of the powered pallet jack.</li> <li>Training and Certification: Enter that all operators are acceived adequate training and hold a vertical tiffication to operate the present pallet jack safely and efficiently.</li> <li>Workspace aganisation; and the work are not create clear paths for transporting goods and min his the central for attents or collisions during operation.</li> <li>Hou are sping: A calin clean, clutter-free floors and walkways in the work area to reduce although, triping, and falling hazards around the powered pallet jack.</li> <li>PPE: Insular hat works wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as steel-tos book alloves, and high-visibility vests, to minimise exposure to hazards to post atting to device.</li> <li>Limit of as: Establish maximum speed limits for the powered pallet jack within a works, ace to avoid unsafe operation, especially when turning or navigating of gested areas.</li> <li>Pre-task Assessment: Communicate with team members about the task at hand, potential risks, and any additional information to effectively manage the hazards associated with the work step.</li> <li>Emergency Response Plan: Develop a detailed emergency response plan outlining the steps to follow if an accident or incident occurs, including how to shut down the powered pallet jack, notify supervisors, and provide medical support if necessary.</li> </ul>	2M	
2. Pre-Operation Check	Mechanical failure, Missing safety features	ЗН	<ul> <li>Ensure a thorough visual inspection of the pallet jack is conducted before use, checking for damages or wear and tear that may affect its operation, such as cracks in the frame or faulty wheels.</li> <li>Confirm all safety features, such as the emergency stop button, warning alarms, and safety guards are present and functioning properly.</li> <li>Verify there are no leaks, particularly in the hydraulic system, which may lead to a loss of lifting power or increased risk of slippage during operation.</li> <li>Check that all nuts, bolts, and fasteners are tightened securely and ensure none are missing or loose. If any need replacement, do so before using the powered pallet jack.</li> </ul>	2M	



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			<ul> <li>Examine the battery level, charging status, and connections to confirm the electric-powered pallet jack has sufficient power to complete the required tasks without interruption.</li> <li>Test the brakes and steering for proper functioning, ensuring smooth and efficient maneuvering and stopping capabilities durin operation.</li> <li>Regularly review and maintain a maintenant log for each powered pallet jack, documenting service dates, repairs made, and the elevant information to ensure equipment is well-maintained and suitable for confued use.</li> <li>Always follow the manufacture is guidelines and in propositions for regular maintenance checker andule these checks according to ensure preventative measures and manufacture is some echanical failures.</li> <li>Provide new sary training to operate is one meet pre-operation check procedures, hazard dentification, and control measure, rostering a safe work environment.</li> <li>Enforce trict documentation procedures where operators must sign off that they have define the date operation check. Implement penalties for failing to comply with this requirement.</li> <li>In case of any, suest ound during the pre-operation check, tag the equipment as not-set vice. In notify the supervisor immediately. Do not operate the equipment until the size is resolved by a qualified technician.</li> </ul>		
3. Loading Pallets	Unbalanced load, Manual handling injuries	2M	<ul> <li>suring all staff operating the powered pallet jack are trained and competent in its use, with regular refresher courses provided.</li> <li>Establishing safe zones around the pallet jack loading area and ensuring employees who are not directly involved maintain a safe distance while observing work activities.</li> <li>Properly inspecting pallets for signs of damage or instability before loading onto the pallet jack, rejecting any that may pose a safety hazard.</li> <li>Utilising clear signage and communications to inform employees about potential hazards associated with unbalanced loads and manual handling injuries during pallet transfer.</li> <li>Implementing load limits on each powered pallet jack based on manufacturer's specifications, to prevent overloading and unbalanced load scenarios.</li> <li>Encouraging proper lifting techniques among employees, such as bending at the knees and using a firm grasp, to minimise the risk of manual handling injuries.</li> <li>Routinely assessing the condition of powered pallet jacks, braking systems and other components, to ensure optimal functionality and reduce the risk of accidents.</li> <li>Promoting ongoing open dialogue between employees and supervisors regarding potential hazards in the workplace, establishing a culture of shared responsibility for identifying and addressing safety concerns.</li> </ul>	1L	



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			- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE), such as work gloves and back support belts to protect against manual handling injuries during pallet loading tasks.		
			- Ensuring sufficient lighting is available in the pall reading area to allow workers to safely navigate their surroundings and identify rential hazards.		
			- Incorporating ergonomic features into the sign of powered pallet jacks, including adjustable controls and comfortable handles, reduced a rain on workers' bodies during use.		
			- Employing mechanical aids the chas pallet tilters scissor when possible, to reduce the need for manual had ling and lower the scissor.		
			- Regularly reviews and datify the SWMS for powered pallet jacks, incorporating to pack from employers to continuously improve safety practices and procedures to fin the work lace.		
4. Maneuvering	Slips, trips and falls, Struck by a moving vehicle	ЗН		1L	



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5. Stacking	Collapse of pallet Ck, Operator error	ЗН		2M	



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6. Unloading the Jack	Manual handling injuries, Falling objects	2M		1L	



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7. Jack Maintenance	Electric shock, Hydraune rluid leakag	ЗН		1L	



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8. Charging Battery	Battery explosion, Acid burns	4A		2M	



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9. Transporting Jack	Jack movement in transit. Insufficient securement	ЗН		1L	



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10. Storage	Inadequate storage , improper storage orientation	-2M		1L	



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11. Inspections	Inaccessibility, Lack emepection knowledge	ЗН		1L	



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12. Emergency Procedures	Unprepared operators, Delay in response time	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

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/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 201

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: <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 at Safety Act 34

Occupational Health and Infety 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: 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): <a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</a> Model Codes of Practice: <a href="https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice">https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice</a>

#### **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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The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to revised if necessary) if relevant control measure and subcontract is reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are subcontract is review process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors and subcontract is) who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who received 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	<u> </u>	□ 3	<u></u> 4	□ 5	□ 6	□ 7	
NAME								
INITIALS								
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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	
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 SWI			
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.			
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecting sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of contameasures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vorat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be u d.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed at 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.			
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.			
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