

Window Cleaning SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)										
TASK OR ACTIVITY: Window Cleaning										
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#							
Business Address: [Company Address]										
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E gil:								
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 (N 3U) is	required to thurs 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 a second	ompliance of the SWMS well as review	vs 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 OPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND							
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with egislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conduct or unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either chare or conduct each hazard.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE							
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must structure unately. 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							
Project Name:					Provide a detailed description of the specific work being carried out (otherwis							
Project Address:				ŀ	known as cope of works).							
Project Manager	:											
Contact Phone:												
Project Manager	Signature:											
Date SWMS sup	plied to Project Manag	er:										
		ANY HIG	H-RISK CON TUCT		ARRIED OUT							
involves a risk of	a person falling more than	2 meters.		is carried out on of	near pressurised gas main	s or piping.						
is carried out on	a telecommunication tower			is carried out on o	☐ is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.							
involves demoliti	on of an element of a struct	ure that is load-be		is carried out on or	is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.							
involves demoliti	on of an element related to	the physical integrit of a st	ir e,	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.								
involves, or is like	ely to involve, disturbing a	estos.		involves tilt-up or precast concrete.								
involves structura	al alteration or repair that re	mporan upp to	prevent collapse.	is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.								
☐ is carried out in c	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/r	near a shaft or trench deepe	er than 1.5m or tunnel involv	ving use of explosives.	is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.								
☐ is carried out in c	or near water or other liquid	that involves a risk of drown	ning.	involves diving wo	rk.							
		ANY	HIGH-RISK MACHINE	RY OR EQUIPMENT	NEARBY							
Forklift	Crane/s	☐ Hoist/s	Excavator	Backhoe/Loader	Boom Lift	EWP	Genie Lift					
Trencher	Drilling Rig	Trucks		Bobcat	E Flammable Gas	Fuel	Dozer					
High Voltage	Mulcher	Tilt-up Panels	Roller	Scissor Lift	Tractor	Other -						







JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
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1. Preparation	Slips, trips and falls, Electric shock from equipment	2М	 Conduct a thorough safety inspection of the work area before starting window cleaning operations, identifying any potential slip, trink r fall hazards. Ensure that good housekeeping practices are usintained during the job, including clearing and cleaning up any spills, debris, a postacles from the work area immediately. Implement a proper risk assessment to evaluate a pob area and equipment, determining whether or not electrical issues cours and to potents dangers. Use extreme caution when waying around power attest as sources, taking care to unplug any unnecess an quipment and avoid the use spansion of long extension cords that may or defbatue erist of electrical slock or entanglement. Utilise window cleaning elements using element, and free of damage. Eduant work in proper techniques and safe methods for handling and transp. the window cleaning equipment, minimising the likelihood of accidents or injuries. Establin clea communications among team members during all phases of the potentials b, trip, or fall hazards. Provide dequate personal protective equipment (PPE) including non-slip footwear, gives, and appropriate clothing to help minimise exposure to hazards while carrying outasks. Equip employees with necessary height safety gear, such as harnesses and lanyards, in cases where window cleaning activities involve working at potentially dangerous heights. Make sure that all machinery, including ladders, scaffolding, and lifts, is examined regularly for any damage or wear, and that they adhere to relevant certification requirements. Create an emergency response plan outlining processes and responsibilities in the event of an unexpected incident, ensuring all workers are well aware of it. Encourage open communication between management and employees, making sure they feel comfortable addressing any concerns or sharing suggestions on how to improve overall safety in the work environment. 	1L	
2. Equipment Inspection	Faulty gear, Unstable ladders	ЗН	 Regularly inspect and maintain all equipment, including ladders, harnesses, and cleaning gear, to ensure they are in good working condition. Establish a pre-use inspection routine for each piece of equipment, by checking for damaged or worn parts, frayed ropes and safety straps, and ensuring the proper functioning of all components. 	1L	



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			- Ensure that all workers are aware of the correct setup and usage procedures for each piece of equipment, including ladder stability, extension limits, and locking mechanisms.		
			- Train workers in identifying and reporting fault equipment, and ensure that any damaged gear is replaced or repaired prore y by a qualified professional.		
			- Provide clear instructions for workers on hour o sectory anchor ladders and other equipment during work, minimising the risk of hour way and accidents.		
			- Consider using alternative supprent such as suppor lifts, an ated work platforms, or rope access systems if lado present a high rise of including.		
			- Implement a period of the ment oview system to assess wear and tear over time, ensuring that the necessar leplacements or uncludes are made proactively.		
			- Retain record of equipment inspect, or a maintenance activities to help identify trend equipment far or recurring is des.		
			- Ence raise a wold ace culture where workers feel comfortable to stop work if they notice by prential cards or faulty equipment, without fear of reprisal.		
			- Always use a tipmen according to manufacturer's guidelines, and only make adifications to the equipment if it is approved by the manufacturer or properly certain ad.		
			Make that workers have access to the appropriate personal protective ipment (PPE), such as gloves, goggles, and hard hats, and enforce their usage to mimise injuries in case of an accident.		
	C		Develop and implement a thorough training programme that includes safe equipment handling techniques, correct lifting and carrying processes, and ladder safety procedures, with refreshers as needed to maintain worker competence.		
			- Regularly review and update the Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) based on changes in equipment use, new equipment being introduced, or any incidents that occur, ensuring that the most up-to-date information is always available to workers.		
			 Provide appropriate training and instruction for workers on the correct use, inspection, and maintenance of ladders. 		
			- Ensure that only ladders that comply with Australian Standards are used (AS/NZS 1892.1:1996).		
3. Ladder Setup	3. Ladder Setup Falling from height, Incorrect ladder angle	ЗH	- Before setting up a ladder, inspect it for any damage or defects that could result in a fall or ladder failure.	1L	
			- Assess the work area for any potential hazards like uneven surfaces, slippery conditions, or nearby electrical equipment that could affect ladder stability.		
			- Set up the ladder on a solid, level surface to prevent possible slipping or movement during use.		



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			- Use a ladder stabilizer or other non-slip device at the base of the ladder to increase its grip and stability.		
			- Set the ladder angle using the 4-to-1 rule, in which we ladder bottom is placed one foot away from the wall for every four feet of larger height.		
			- Erect barriers or warning signs around the older setup the to alert pedestrians and co-workers of the potential hazard.		
			- Maintain three-points-of-contact (two hands along ne foot or two feet and one hand) while climbing or descending a ladder through the work cess.		
			- Use a harness or other fall and system when wold and heights above two meters (6.5 feet).		
			- Limit the argunt of weight in the lot ler and usure that the ladder's total load capacity is not ceeded.		
			- Do use the set of the ladder as a standing platform, this increases the risk of set balance and falling.		
			- Regularly hapitor was ther conditions and cease work if high winds, rain, or storms make la ster a sunsation		
			effective periods safety audits and toolbox talks related to ladder safety to refrective kers' knowledge and address any new issues that arise.		
	alling objects, Inadequate anchor trength	3H		2M	
		ЗН		2M	



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5. Harness & Lanyard Adjustment	Poorly adjusted harness-Lanyard snapback	2M		1L	



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6. Ascending to Working Height	Falling from height, Lados consign	ЗН		1L	

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7. Surface Cleaning	Chemical exposure, Eye injury fro debris	2М		1L	



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8. Squeegee Application	Sharp edges, Strains and sprains	2М		1L	



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9. Descending from Height	Fatigue, Loss of balance	2М		1L	



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10. Equipment Dismantling	Cut hazards, Lifting injuries	2М		1L	



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11. Waste Disposal	Improper disposal, Exposure to hazardous materials	2М		1L	



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12. Post-cleaning Procedures	Documentation errors, Miscommunication with cite	1L		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.

	REFERENCES				
RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES ANY STATE 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/codes-of-practice Codes of Practice ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	Victoria Occupational Health and Safety Action 04 Occupational Health and Safety Action 04 Decision on VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-gulat</u> gulatures Codes on mactice VIC <u>attps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</u>				
New South Wales Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017 Legislation NSW: <u>https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislati</u> Codes of Practice NSW: <u>https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis</u> <u>source-or-ract</u>	Western Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2020 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022 Legislation Western Australia: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</u> Codes of Practice WA: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice</u>				
Northern Territory Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 2011 Legislation NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/worplace-serve-laws</u> Codes of Practice NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/fecture-serve-laws</u>	Safe Work Australia Links Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u> Model Codes of Practice: <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model- codes-of-practice</u>				
South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA) Legislation for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation</u> Codes of Practice for SA: <u>https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_saces/codes-of-practice#COPs</u>	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				
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/codes-of-practice Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	 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 				
Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required): - Permits from local council - Authorisation to commence 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 				

- 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:		

SAF WC A STHUD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to review the sure it remains revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are a conconsultation with workers (including contractors are subcontract of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who re workplace.

ke sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and acception of the process should be carried out in s any subcontract s) who may be affected by the operation esentatives who recented that work group at the

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	2	3	4	5	6	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.			
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.			
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 SWN			
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 impement of continue measures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Wren Electrical Work, Versat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be up.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed ar noted on the SWMS.			
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience vaining 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.			
REVIEWED BY	DATE RI	EVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		