

**Gas Metal Arc Welding | SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)**

**TASK OR ACTIVITY: Gas Metal Arc Welding**

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 PROJECT MANAGER 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**

	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be scheduled in accordance with legislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, to conduct a risk assessment of those hazards and then to further take steps to either eliminate or control each hazard.			
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 supports 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>PPE</b>

**Notes on Hierarchy of Controls:** 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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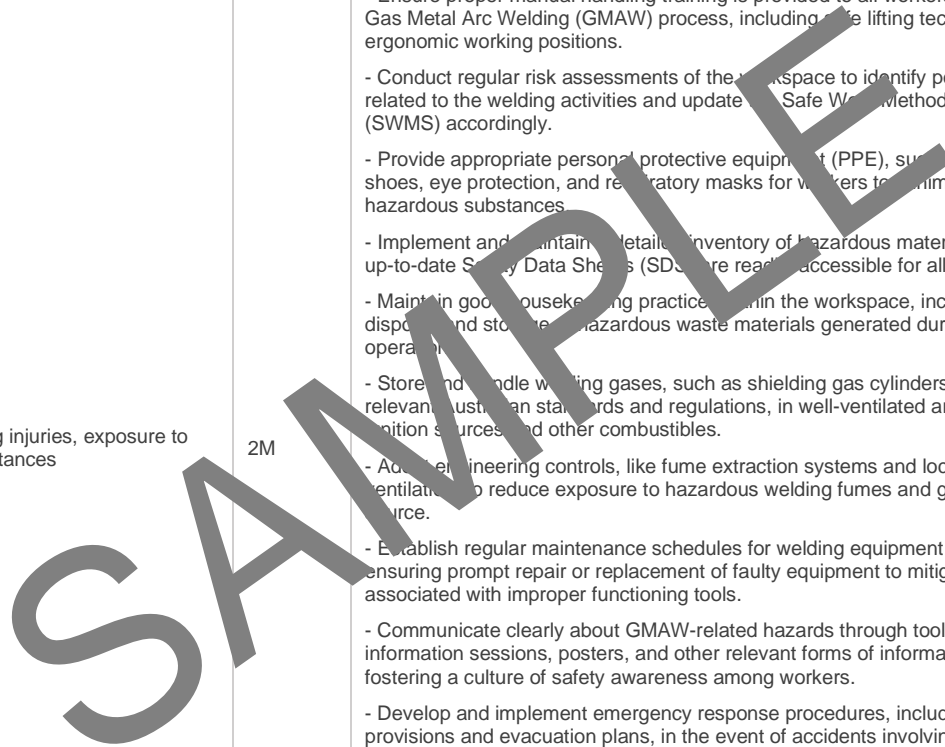
Select the appropriate PPE above suitable for the equipment used or the job task being performed (if applicable).

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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.

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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	Manual handling injuries, exposure to hazardous substances	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure proper manual handling training is provided to all workers involved in the Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) process, including safe lifting techniques and ergonomic working positions.</li> <li>- Conduct regular risk assessments of the workspace to identify potential hazards related to the welding activities and update the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) accordingly.</li> <li>- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, safety shoes, eye protection, and respiratory masks for workers to minimise exposure to hazardous substances.</li> <li>- Implement and maintain a detailed inventory of hazardous materials and ensure up-to-date Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are readily accessible for all workers onsite.</li> <li>- Maintain good housekeeping practices within the workspace, including the correct disposal and storage of hazardous waste materials generated during GMAW operations.</li> <li>- Store and handle welding gases, such as shielding gas cylinders, according to relevant Australian standards and regulations, in well-ventilated areas away from ignition sources and other combustibles.</li> <li>- Adopt engineering controls, like fume extraction systems and local exhaust ventilation, to reduce exposure to hazardous welding fumes and gases at the source.</li> <li>- Establish regular maintenance schedules for welding equipment and infrastructure, ensuring prompt repair or replacement of faulty equipment to mitigate risks associated with improper functioning tools.</li> <li>- Communicate clearly about GMAW-related hazards through toolbox talks, information sessions, posters, and other relevant forms of information dissemination, fostering a culture of safety awareness among workers.</li> <li>- Develop and implement emergency response procedures, including first aid provisions and evacuation plans, in the event of accidents involving hazardous substances or injuries sustained during GMAW operations.</li> <li>- Encourage open communication and reporting of workplace hazards and incidents by implementing a reporting system that ensures workers feel comfortable discussing safety concerns without fear of reprisals.</li> <li>- Continuously monitor and review the effectiveness of implemented control measures, updating the SWMS and making necessary improvements to further mitigate risks associated with GMAW activities within the workplace.</li> </ul>	1L	
2. Equipment Set-Up	Electrical hazards, incorrect setup leading to malfunction or accident	3H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular inspection and maintenance: Ensure routine inspection and maintenance of all electrical equipment, including welding machines and power tools, by a licensed electrician to prevent potential electrical hazards.</li> </ul>	2M	



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safe work area: Establish a safe work area by placing proper safety signs and cordoning off the welding area to minimise unauthorised access or accidental contact with live electrical equipment.</li> <li>- Proper grounding: Connect all welding equipment and associated tools to grounded power sources to reduce the risk of electric shock.</li> <li>- Use of residual current devices (RCDs): Install appropriate RCDs on all power supplies to provide additional protection against electrical hazards.</li> <li>- Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): Ensure workers wear adequate PPE, such as insulated gloves, non-conductive footwear, and safety glasses, to reduce the risk of injury caused by electrical hazards.</li> <li>- Correct equipment installation: Ensure all components and attachments, such as regulators, gas cylinders, and hoses, are securely connected and properly installed according to manufacturer guidelines to prevent malfunctions and accidents.</li> <li>- Storage and handling of gas cylinders: Store and handle gas cylinders in accordance with relevant Australian Standards (e.g., AS 4332) to ensure their safe usage and prevent accidents.</li> <li>- Training and supervision: Provide regular training and ongoing supervision for all workers involved in the gas metal arc welding process, ensuring they understand the correct setup procedures and potential hazards associated with the equipment.</li> <li>- Safety checks before use: Conduct thorough pre-use safety checks on all equipment, verifying correct functionality and identifying any potential issues that may compromise safety.</li> <li>- Emergency response plan: Develop an emergency response plan detailing appropriate actions in case of an equipment malfunction, electrical hazard, or accident. Ensure all workers are familiar with this plan and know how to respond effectively.</li> <li>- Incident reporting system: Establish a clear system for workers to report hazards, accidents, or potential risks related to equipment setup, allowing for timely review and implementation of necessary corrective actions.</li> </ul>		
3. Welding Process Selection	Incorrect process selection, inappropriate adjustments	2M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment before selecting the welding process, taking into account the types of materials to be welded, their thicknesses, and the specific requirements of the job.</li> <li>- Ensure that all welding personnel are qualified and have up-to-date knowledge on the appropriate welding processes and techniques for the given task, including necessary certification where required.</li> <li>- Consult with manufacturers' guidelines or seek professional advice on the appropriate welding process and equipment settings if uncertain about the most suitable technique for the job at hand.</li> </ul>	1L	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement regular training and refresher courses for welders on the correct use and adjustment of welding equipment to ensure their skills and knowledge remain current.</li> <li>- Develop and maintain Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each specific welding process used in the workplace, which outlines the correct settings and adjustments for various task scenarios.</li> <li>- Regularly inspect and maintain welding equipment to ensure it remains in good working order, with settings being reliably consistent during use.</li> <li>- Incorporate a pre-weld check routine to verify the chosen welding process and equipment settings are suitable for the specific task and materials involved.</li> <li>- Communicate proper job-specific safety procedures and reinforce the importance of following recommended welding processes to all employees.</li> <li>- Utilise warning signs and labels to indicate the appropriate welding process to be used for specific task or material combinations.</li> <li>- Implement a system of peer review or supervision to monitor the selection and adjustments made by welders, offering feedback to reinforce best practice and identify any areas for improvement.</li> <li>- Assign dedicated welding 'experts' within the team who can assist colleagues in choosing the appropriate welding process or making adjustments, sharing their specialised knowledge as needed.</li> <li>- Encourage open communication channels for workers to voice concerns or seek clarification regarding the most suitable welding process or equipment settings for a task.</li> <li>- Monitor improvements in equipment technology and industry practices to continuously evaluate and update company SOPs, ensuring they reflect best practice in welding process selection and adjustment procedures.</li> <li>- Document all welding processes and adjustments carried out on each job, to create a performance log that can be studied for trends or areas of improvement and used as a reference for future tasks.</li> </ul>		
4. Material Cleaning and Preparation	Fumes from chemical cleaners, cuts from sharp materials	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	[REDACTED]

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5. Secure Workpiece	Improper positioning, workpiece movement causing injury	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	
			[REDACTED]		
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6. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Inadequate PPE, damaged PPE	3H	[REDACTED]	2M	
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			[REDACTED]		
			[REDACTED]		

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			[REDACTED]		
8. Pre-weld Inspection	Poor weld joint fit-up, ... welding conditions		[REDACTED]	1L	

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			[REDACTED]		
9. Welding Execution	Electric shock, burns, eye damage from arc flash	4A	[REDACTED]	3H	

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			[REDACTED]		
11. Slag and Spatter Removal	Flying particles, excessive force causing injury	3H	[REDACTED]	2M	

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12. Grinding and Finishing	Noise, flying debris, exposure to heat	3H	[REDACTED]	2M	
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			[REDACTED]		
			[REDACTED]		
			[REDACTED]		

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13. Cool Down Period	Burns from hot equipment, fire risk due to heat	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	

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14. Cleaning Up	Tripping hazards, exposure to hazardous waste	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	
			[REDACTED]		
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15. Equipment Dismantling and Storage	Manual handling injuries, breaching of safety protocols	2M	[REDACTED]	1L	
			[REDACTED]		
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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 FOR ANY STATE THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE

<p><b>Queensland &amp; Australian Capital Territory</b>                  Work Health and Safety Act 2011                  Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011                  Legislation QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</a>                  Codes of Practice QLD: <a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a>                  Legislation ACT: <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations</a>                  Codes of Practice ACT: <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a></p>	<p><b>Victoria</b>                  Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004                  Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017                  Legislation VIC: <a href="https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations">https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-regulations</a>                  Codes of Practice VIC: <a href="https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice">https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</a></p>
<p><b>New South Wales</b>                  Work Health and Safety Act 2011                  Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017                  Legislation NSW: <a href="https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislation">https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislation</a>                  Codes of Practice NSW: <a href="https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-of-codes-of-practice">https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-of-codes-of-practice</a></p>	<p><b>Western Australia</b>                  Work Health and Safety Act 2020                  Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022                  Legislation Western Australia: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</a>                  Codes of Practice WA: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice</a></p>
<p><b>Northern Territory</b>                  Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011                  Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011                  Legislation NT: <a href="https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplaces-and-laws">https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/workplaces-and-laws</a>                  Codes of Practice NT: <a href="https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a></p>	<p><b>Safe Work Australia Links</b>                  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></p>
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<p>Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permits from local council</li> <li>- Authorisation to commence work</li> <li>- Any required documents.</li> </ul>	

**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
			Date:		
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**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.

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**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
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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.	<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"/>	
<b>REVIEWED BY</b>		<b>DATE REVIEWED</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>	