

Green Trimmer	SAFE WORK METHOD ST	ATEMENT (SWMS)	
Т	ASK OR ACTIVITY: Green Trimn	ner	
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E ail:	
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 (I BU) is	s required to ture for a safe work method s	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring a	compliance of the SWMS well as review	ws 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	ALL 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 the	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:							k being carried out (otherwise				
Project Address:				ŀ	known as cope of works).						
Project Manager	:										
Contact Phone:											
Project Manager	Signature:										
Date SWMS sup	plied to Project Manag	er:									
ANY HIGH-RISK CON RUCT N' JRK BEING CARRIED 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 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 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
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, Electric shock	ЗН	<ul> <li>Inspect the work area beforehand, clearing any debris or obstacles that could cause tripping hazards or interfere with the Green Telemer operation.</li> <li>Clearly signpost the work area and ensure activate lighting is provided to enable safe and efficient trimming.</li> <li>Secure all power cords and cables using an opriate overs, cable guards or cable ramps to prevent tripping hazards, keeping the basily from walkways to avoid accidental disconnection or drmage.</li> <li>Conduct routine equipment or tacks, including inspection wolks and extension cables for any wear encode, on avving wires that courtesult in an electric shock.</li> <li>Ensure that no onnel us to the due not trimmed are appropriately trained and familiarised on its safe us unandline and on occols in case of potential electrical faults.</li> <li>Verlate the Content frimmer is equipped with a Residual Current Device (RCD) or Grourn Fe to Circle atterrupter (GFCI) for additional protection against the risk of electric hos.</li> <li>Ensoure be the use of sup-resistant footwear among workers in order to provide a quarks using in potentially slippery conditions.</li> <li>Deven us spill management plan to handle any wet surfaces or spills promptly, eventing silps in the work area.</li> <li>Ande employees with adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as gloves, eye protection and ear protection, to minimise exposure to hazards.</li> <li>Implement a clear communication protocol among team members to stay informed about areas where work is being done, allowing them to anticipate and avoid hazards effectively.</li> <li>Restrict access to the work area for unauthorised personnel, reducing potential risks from inexperienced individuals or those unaware of existing hazards.</li> <li>Schedule regular breaks for workers in order to reduce fatigue, which can contribute to human error and increase the likelihood of accidents occurring.</li> <li>Foster a safety-first culture in the workplace by conducting regular safety meetings, discussing h</li></ul>	1L	
2. Transporting equipment	Manual handling injuries, Struck by moving vehicles	2M	<ul> <li>Provide manual handling training for all workers involved in transporting equipment, ensuring they understand proper lifting techniques and the importance of working within their physical limits.</li> <li>Implement a buddy system or use mechanical aids such as trolleys, dollies, and pallet jacks to transport heavier equipment and reduce the risk of manual handling injuries.</li> </ul>	1L	



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			- Establish designated paths and signage for pedestrian and vehicle traffic in work areas, reducing the likelihood of collisions between workers and moving vehicles.		
			- Ensure that workers wear high-visibility clothing to other appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while transporting to append, append, making them more visible to drivers of moving vehicles.		
			- Encourage workers to communicate with e. other out their movements and intentions, promoting situational awareness and using the risk of accidents.		
			- Perform regular maintenant, checks on all mechanical aidenced for transportation to ensure they are in good working condition and such to the second secon		
			- Mandate that we want a regular breaks to prevent vatigue-related errors, which can lead to accounts durin equipment transport ion.		
			- Implement as tict policy schibiting a set of mobile devices or headphones when transming eq. men's maintain workers' focus and awareness of their surrous ans.		
			- Organ set upment torage areas so that frequently used items can be quickly and eas y locked, minutising the time spent carrying heavy loads.		
			Sreate, clust, zones around loading and unloading areas and enforce strict act, enc. to these boundaries, minimising the risk of contact with moving vehicles.		
			Require hicle operators to receive specialised training, including hazard areness and practical skills assessments, to diminish the risk of accidents in ving workers and vehicles.		
	C		Regularly review and update the SWMS to incorporate any changes in operational practices or newly identified hazards, ensuring that control measures remain relevant and effective in reducing the risks associated with transporting equipment.		
			<ul> <li>Regular equipment inspection: Conducting thorough and routine inspections of the trimmer to identify any signs of wear or damage, ensuring that faulty equipment is promptly reported and repaired or replaced.</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>Pre-use checks: Workers should perform a visual check on the trimmer before each use, examining for any visible damages, loose parts or other issues that might lead to potential hazards during operation.</li> </ul>		
3. Setting up trimmer	Faulty or damaged equipment, Noise exposure	ЗH	- Equipment maintenance: Implementing a scheduled maintenance plan for the trimmers to ensure they are always in proper working condition and reduce the risk of malfunction.	1L	
			- Proper storage: Ensuring that trimmers are stored in a clean, dry and secure area when not in use to prevent damage and contamination.		
			- Noise reduction equipment: Providing workers with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as noise-cancelling earmuffs or earplugs to minimise the risk of noise exposure.		



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			- Training and competency: Ensuring that all workers using the trimmers are trained on correct operating procedures, safety features, controls, and potential hazards associated with the equipment.		
			- Worksite signage: Posting clear and easily virue signage around the worksite indicating that there is potential for noise errorsure, advising people to wear necessary hearing protection if needed.		
			- Breaks and rotation: Scheduling regular break for workers operating the trimmers, or rotating tasks among team members to give then some rest of from constant noise exposure.		
			- Enclosed work are reaching the sible, setting up the amming machinery in enclosed or isolated space to as a in containing excessive noise levels.		
			<ul> <li>Acoustic basers: Installing temporal accoust barriers, like fencing or partitions, to help reduce the mount of loss filtering ough to surrounding areas and affecting other others.</li> <li>Noise mentoring, entinuously monitoring noise levels during operations, making adjustry ints where required to mitigate the impact on workers and nearby residents or busing set.</li> </ul>		
	1		waik tal ⇒s or hand signals to ensure clear communication among workers despite he noise posure.		
			- pergency procedures: Establishing and communicating emergency protocols for situations where a worker encounters a hazard, including immediate shutdown procedures for the trimmer and proper medical response steps.		
	5		- Continuous improvement: Regularly reviewing and updating the Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) and other safety procedures based on feedback from workers, incident reports, and evolving industry best practices, to ensure optimal protection for workers against hazards.		
4. Trimming vegetation	Falling objects, Ineffective safety features	2M		1L	



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5. Inspecting work area	Rough terrain, Encountering wildlife	2M		1L	



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6. Maintenance of trimmer	Splinters or cuts, Eye injuries	2M		1L	

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7. Breaks and rest periods	Dehydration, Fatigue	1L		1L	



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8. Lifting and removing	Manual handling injuries, Exposure to	2M		1L	



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9. Refueling trimmer	Fuel spills, Fire hazard	ЗH		1L	



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10. Handling trimmer blades	Lacerations, Puncture wounds	ЗН		1L	

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11. Dismantling equipment	Dangerous parts getting caught, Muscle strain	2M		1L	



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12. Cleaning up site	Exposure to hazardous substances, T hazards	21.		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.

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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: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</u> Codes of Practice QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Legislation ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Codes of Practice ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u>	Victoria Occupational Health and Safety Actual/4 Occupational Health and Safety Actual/4 Degis from VIC: https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- gular is Colles on vactice VICountps://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: <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>	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/wor</u> /aces/codes-of-practice#COPs	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: <a href="https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a> Codes of Practice for TAS: <a href="https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice">https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</a>	<ul> <li>First aid in the workplace</li> <li>Managing the risk of falls at workplaces</li> <li>Hazardous manual tasks</li> <li>Managing the risk of falls in housing construction</li> <li>Managing electrical risks in the workplace</li> <li>Demolition work</li> <li>Excavation work</li> </ul>						
Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required): - Permits from local council - Authorisation to commence work	<ul> <li>Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination</li> <li>Managing the work environment and facilities</li> <li>How to manage work health and safety risks</li> <li>Managing risks of plant in the workplace</li> <li>Construction work</li> </ul>						

- 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 are subcontractions) who may be affected by the operation sentatives who received 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 imement of cont, measures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Wey, Electrical Work, Verat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be up t.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed approved 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.			
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