

Motor Mower SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)								
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CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS											
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Project Manager	:										
Contact Phone:											
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		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 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 -					







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1. Preparation	Slips, trips and falls, Incorrect site setup	2M	 Ensure the worksite is clear of clutter, debris, and other obstacles that may pose a risk for slips, trips, and falls. Properly designate and organise work areas to wold overcrowding and maintain safe distances between workers and equiption. Implement clear signage indicating any pote tail have as, such as uneven or wet surfaces, so that all workers are aware of and usugate risks effectively. Conduct regular inspection of the area to identice any new cleards that may have developed during the course or nork and take action or norwy them as needed. Maintain clean and any ours, we ways, and working surfaces to prevent slip and trip hazards. Require all wekers to we appropring forware with slip-resistant soles, providing a proceeding on unfarmed reducing or risk of slips and falls. Provise cessate affety equipment, such as handrails and steps, to assist worken in thely nan atting changes in elevation and accessing elevated work areas. Adhere the correct site layout and plans while setting up equipment to avoid structing access paths and inadvertently creating hazards. Develop a systematic process for ongoing storage and clean up of materials and resources throughout the day, ensuring workspaces remain uncluttered and organised. Provide adequate lighting in all areas to ensure workers can see and respond to potential hazards, particularly during early morning or evening hours. Encourage open communication among team members about identifying potential hazards related to slips, trips, and falls and report them promptly to a supervisor. Offer training and regular refreshers for workers on proper lifting techniques, manual handling principles, and operational procedures for using the motor mower. Develop an emergency response plan for addressing injuries related to slips, trips, and falls and report them promptly to a supervisor. 	1L	
2. Pre-Start Checks	Contact with electricity, Poor equipment maintenance	3H	 Conduct a visual inspection of the motor mower for any visible damage or wear, ensuring that all bolts, screws and attachments are secure and in good condition. Check the electrical cord and plug for fraying, cuts or damage, and ensure that they are compliant with Australian safety standards (AS/NZS 3112). Test residual current devices (RCDs) to ensure they are functioning correctly to protect against electrical hazards. 	1L	



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			- Verify the motor mower's maintenance schedule and make sure it is up to date, including recent oil changes, blade sharpening and belt inspections.		
			- Ensure proper training on safe operation, mainterpace, and Electrical safety procedures has been provided to all workers or pating the motor mower.		
			- Examine the mower's cutting blades for surpness and suctural integrity, replacing dull or damaged blades as require.		
			- Inspect tires and wheels for adequate inflation, ad depth, approverall condition to provide optimal stability and action during use.		
			- Confirm adequate fuel levels a state the correct function of is being used, preventing potential and reducing the lask of fire hazards.		
			- Review the marking area is any outputs have us, such as exposed electrical wires or uneven ten in that coull pose a risk of coperator or equipment.		
			- Make the all sector uards, shields, and safety features are properly installed and in good with king on the		
			- Ensul call, some perating or working around the motor mower are wearing approprinte personal projective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, eye protection, d hearing provintion.		
	1		- Max, sin lear and open lines of communication between operators and other orkers use vicinity to ensure awareness of ongoing activities and potential rards.		
			 keep a fully stocked first aid kit nearby and ensure all workers are aware of emergency protocols in the event of an accident or injury. 		
			- Regularly review and update Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) documentation to reflect any changes or new control measures identified during the pre-start checks.		
			- Ensure fuel containers are Australian Standards approved and fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle to prevent overfilling and spillage.		
			- Refuelling should be carried out in a well-ventilated area to minimise the inhalation of petrol fumes.		
3. Mower Refuelling	Spillages, Inhalation of petrol fumes	2M	- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as chemical-resistant gloves and safety glasses, while handling fuel.	1L	
			- Place an appropriate spill containment tray under the fuel tank to capture any potential spillages.		
			- Always switch off the motor mower engine and allow it to cool down before attempting to refuel.		
			- Store fuel and fuel cans in a secure and safe location, away from heat sources and ignition hazards.		



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			- Implement a regular inspection and maintenance schedule for the motor mower to identify and rectify any fuel system leaks or defects.		
			- Train relevant workers on the correct procedures safely refuelling the motor mower and responding to fuel spills.		
			- Avoid smoking, using open flames, or calling out any envities that may produce sparks near the motor mower while refuelling		
			- Utilise proper labelling for all fuel storage contacts to communicate the potential risks associated with handling them.		
			- Set up emergency response encipment, such as fit and guishers and spill kits, in close proximity to a response a		
			- Develop are aplement a effective ocident porting system for workers to report any issues encontered during the reliant process.		
4. Moving Mower on Site	Strain injuries, Collision with obstack or people	2М		1L	



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5. Operating Motor Mower	Flying objects, Noise exposure	ЗН		2М	



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6. Slope/Grade Mowing	Roll-over incidents, Loss of control	4A		ЗН	

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7. Blade Change & Maintenance	Cutting fingers, Contact with sharp r de edges	2M		1L	



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8. Stopping & Parking Mower	Roll-away incidents of the second of	PM		1L	

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9. Cleaning & Inspection	Mower overheating, Exposure to hazardous substances			1L	



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10. Transporting Mower	Load falling off versite, Moving beavy machinery	3H		2М	



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11. Storage	Unauthorised access, Fit hazard	2М		1L	



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12. Emergency Response	Inadequate first air supplices own emergency response, pain	ЗН		2М	



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13. Workplace Environment	Mowing in extreme weather conditions, uneven ground subace	2М		1L	



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14. Training and Supervision	Untrained operators, Inadequate supervision	31		2M	

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15. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Misuse of PPE, In ufficient PPE provided	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 F	REFERENCES
RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEG	SISLATIVE 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 an Safety Act 2004 Occupational Health and pafety regulations 2017 Legistron VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- gulates</u> Codes of 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>	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: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/worplace-serve-laws Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f	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
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/worf_laces/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
			Date:		
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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 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 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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