

Pallet Jack SA	FE WORK METHOD STAT	EMENT (SWMS)	
	TASK OR ACTIVITY: Pallet Jack		
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#
Business Address: [Company Address]			
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E il:	
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.	eting 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 a	ompliance 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 egislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, conditions unical those hazards and then to further take steps to either the conditions of the conditions are or conditions.	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must standardly. 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.			



		CL	IENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR D	DETAILS				
Client:						SCOPE OF WORKS			
Project Name:				Provide a detailed description	n of the specific work being	carried out (otherwise			
Project Address:					known as cope of works).				
Project Manager:									
Contact Phone:									
Project Manager Sig	gnature:								
Date SWMS supplie	ed to Project Manager:								
		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.		$H \cap H$	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	is 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	mporal, 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	f 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							
			- Clear the work area: Prioritise keeping the work area clean and clutter-free, removing any potential trip hazards such as debris. It is, loose cords, or materials that may obstruct the path of the pallet jack.									
			- Proper signage: Erect appropriate signage undicate the presence of pallet jacking activities and highlight possible trip hazard ares.									
			- Sufficient lighting: Ensure adequate illuminate the working area to minimise the risk of a tripping accident, significantly increasing sibility for betteam members and pedestrians.									
			- Pallet inspection: Figure ever pallet thoroughly bure use, checking for damage, protruct mails, cessive moisture, or other issues that could lead to trip hazards or figure complications during pallet overment.									
			- Routine main pance: Postinely main usine pallet jack, addressing any mechanists or party and following a thorough preventative maintenance program that recess the likelihood of hazardous malfunctions.									
1. Preparation	Trip hazards, Inadequate lighting	2M	- Cord and ment, ganise all loose cables and cords effectively, utilising approprile conditions cable ties to keep them contained and prevent trip azards. - Usurall vays and designated paths: Workers should follow marked walkways and lesignated raffic paths when operating a pallet jack, avoiding unauthorised areas	1L								
										ere trip nazards may be concealed. - Exablish buddy systems: Adopting a practice of having spotters or colleagues overseeing pallet jack operations can help identify trip hazards and alert operators when they're at risk of an impending incident.		
			- Appropriate footwear: Encourage workers involved in pallet jacking to wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant and sturdy soles to decrease their chances of tripping.									
			- Training and communication: Regular training sessions on general workplace health and safety, including specific focus on recognizing and managing trip hazards, ensure that personnel remain vigilant and prepared for potential risks.									
			 Continually monitor and improve: Implement a process for regular review and updates to safety measures based on incident reports, new equipment, process, or environment changes, ensuring that the work area remains safe and free from trip hazards as much as possible. 									
2. Inspection	Maintenance issues, Damaged	3H	- Conduct a thorough pre-use inspection of the pallet jack, focusing on all critical components, including wheels, handle, lifting mechanism, and overall frame.	2M								
	equipment		 Keep an up-to-date maintenance log for each pallet jack to ensure that any issues are recorded, tracked, and addressed promptly by qualified technicians or service providers. 									



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			- Implement a scheduled maintenance programme for all pallet jacks, adhering to manufacturer's guidelines and recommendations to identify and address potential maintenance issues proactively.		
			- Remove damaged or faulty equipment from stance immediately and tag it with a "Do Not Use" sign until proper repairs or research bave been made.		
			- Provide training to all staff members on how proproperate and inspect pallet jacks, including addressing specific maintenant common signs of wear and demage.		
			- Establish a clear communical system for worke to off any potential hazards or equipment malfur allow a for prompt action minimise risk.		
			- Ensure that concertified property to conduct maintenance or repair work on pall, acks, follow established products and guidelines.		
			- Utility high-quark remained parts ouring maintenance and repair operations, considerable with manufacturer specifications and ensuring the equipment operates safely to efficient.		
			- Regularly or and pricate pallet jack components to prevent rust, corrosion, and other factors to could contribute to premature wear or failure.		
			- O side implementing a preventative maintenance software system to help track equipment on and facilitate timely maintenance interventions.		
			onduct periodic audits of your maintenance programme to ensure compliance with industry regulations and workplace health and safety standards.		
			Implement a system for the proper disposal of damaged equipment, ensuring that it is not reintroduced into the work environment.		
			- Encourage a culture of safety within the workplace where all employees understand their responsibilities in maintaining pallet jacks' safe operating conditions and feel empowered to report potential hazards or concerns.		
			- Implement pedestrian exclusion zones: Clearly mark areas where pallet jacks are being used and restrict access to only authorised workers. This will help minimise the risk of pedestrian collisions.		
3. Operation	Pedestrian collisions, Overloading	3H	- Provide appropriate training: Ensure all operators are fully trained in the correct use and maintenance of pallet jacks, including how to safely navigate around obstacles and other workers in the workplace.	1L	
			- Proper communication between operators and pedestrians: Encourage clear communication between pallet jack operators and other workers to make everyone aware of movements and potential hazards.		
			- Use safety gear: Ensure all workers in proximity to pallet jacks wear high-visibility clothing, slip-resistant footwear, and any other required personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with workplace health and safety guidelines.		



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			 Regularly inspect and maintain equipment: Perform regular checks on pallet jacks to ensure they are in good working order, making sure to address any issues promptly. 		
			- Establish designated travel paths: Create specific pathways for pallet jacks, keeping them separate from pedestrian trate, whenever possible to minimise the risk of accidents.		
			- Adhere to weight restrictions: Pallet jack open amould be educated on the maximum load capacity of their equipment and it are exceed the elimits to prevent overloading and potential accounts.		
			- Install warning devices, such as horns or beeper alert arby kers when the equipment is in operation.		
			- Use spotter of necessar assign so tters assist pallet jack operators in navigating crossed or objected areas approviding additional visibility and guida		
			- Implement a traffic anagement plan: Develop a comprehensive traffic management plan the considers the flow of both pedestrian and equipment traffic, including designated recess, no-entry zones, and priority rules to ensure safe overment of particles.		
			- En		
			Conduct regular safety audits: Perform regular assessments of your workplace to identify potential hazards related to pallet jack use and implement strategies to mitigate these risks. Continually review and update your safety measures based on the findings of these audits.		
4. Load Lifting	Manual handling injuries, Falling objects	2M		1L	



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5. Maneuvering	Restricted work area, Floor surface damage	ЗН		2M	



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6. Stabilization	Rollovers, Unstable loads	ЗН		1L	



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7. Parking	Unauthorised access, Poor signage	2M		1L	



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8. Maintenance	Incorrect maintenance procedures, Electrical hazards	ЗН		2M	



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9. Battery Charging	Explosion risk, Acid spills	4A		3H	



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10. Emergency Procedures	Fire hazards, Inadequate exits	2M		1L	



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11. Storage	Poor housekeeping, Incorrect storage methods	2M		1L	



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12. Communication	Lack of communication, Miscommunication	3H		2M	



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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/codes-of-practice Legislation ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice Legislation ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-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: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/le_lation

Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/wor 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.wksafe.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): https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation Model Codes of Practice: https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice

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 rake sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are subcontract as who may be affected by the operation of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who re essented 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			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					
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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 effective sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the imperent of contameasures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Work, Electrical Work, Vocat 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 reining 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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