

SWMS – Review Checklist

Mandatory requirements that must be adequately addressed in the SWMS are marked as "M".
(M) Does the SWMS show the name of a senior contact person of the organization?
(M) Is the name and position of the person to be responsible for and supervise the works nominated?
(M) Does the SWMS detail who is responsible for implementing each control that has been allocated? This does not need to be a specific name but could be a position such as Supervisor / EWP operator.
(M) Does the SWMS show the name and registered office address of the organization?
(M) Does the SWMS show the Subcontractor's ABN?
(M)Does the SWMS include applicable site specific hazards and controls relevant to the activity?
(M) Is the scope of work covered by the SWMS adequately defined?
(M) Is the work process described in a logical step-by-step sequence?
(M) Are the hazards related to each step described and listed separately (i.e. hazards and risks are not to be grouped together)?
Are manual handling hazards adequately addressed?
Are any special temporary supports, props or structures detailed?
(M) Has a risk assessment for each hazard been carried out in terms of likelihood and consequence?
(M) Has the Subcontractor adequately used the Hierarchy of Controls in developing controls to eliminate or minimize Class 1 (High) and Class 2 (Medium) risks?
(M) Are PPE requirements listed? The type of PPE required is to be specific.
Are any special notices or permits (eg/ hot works, permit to dig, State OHS Authority) nominated?
Is protection of other trades and/or the public detailed?
Are any Consultant (Engineer) inspections listed (eg/ Formwork)?
Has the specific working at heights hierarchy of controls been followed in relation to fall risks?
Is any scaffolding or other access requirements detailed and are ladders used as a last resort?
Are controls for falling objects detailed?
Are emergency response procedures referenced against relevant hazards?

Are emergency response resources available (plant, trained personnel)?
Do the persons undertaking the work require special qualifications? If so, are requirements nominated? (e.g. Working at Heights training, Operator tickets/licenses)
Is the plant required to undertake the work listed?
Are plant, tools and equipment hazards addressed?
Have calibration records been obtained for necessary equipment?
Are the hazardous materials to be used listed and relevant Material Safety Data Sheets received?
Have the Manufacturer's recommendations for storage, handling and exposure been incorporated into the SWMS?
(M) Has the relevant OHS legislation, codes and standards applicable to the work been identified and requirements incorporated?
Have the environmental hazards/ aspects and associated risks/ impacts been eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level?
(M) Has each worker printed their name, signed and dated the SWMS?
(M) Have copies of records showing worker or HSR involvement in the development of the SWMS been received? (e.g./ toolbox meeting minutes, SWMS acknowledgement of participation)