

Safe Work Method Statement – Works on or near to gas distribution or piping

This safe work method statement is generic in nature can be used as a guide in developing your SWMS All PCBU's when undertaking high risk construction work are to have in place a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS). Where there are differences in the control measures to employed between your and this SWMS the higher of the two control measures are to be implemented – this or your own SWMS. This SWMS needs to be reviewed against site conditions upon commencing work. Where site conditions prevent works to be carried out in accordance with this SWMS than another is to be written and Site Supervisor notified.

Name of PCBU/Principal Builder		Name of Principal Contractor	Bay Building Services		
Work Activity:	Works on or near to gas distribution or piping	Work Location:			
High Risk Construction Work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explosion 	Site Supervisor:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous atmosphere 		Emergency Contact:	1399 766 216	Contact No:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 				
Date of SWMS	02/04/2018	Review Date			
Have workers been consulted about the SWMS?	All workers are required to be consulted with regards to the SWMS and control measures contained in the SWMS.				
Person Responsible for ensuring compliance with SWMS	Different PCBU's/Employers and Contractors will encounter different High Risk activities. All PCBU's/Employers are responsible for reviewing this SWMS against site conditions and ensure work occurs in accordance with the SWMS.				
Person(s) Responsible (for reviewing the SWMS)	PCBU's/Employers should review this SWMS and apply the control measures outlined for the various High Risk activities that they may undertake. Where works cannot occur in accordance with this or your own SWMS contact is to be made with the Site Supervisor.				
Work Step	Hazard for Works	Control Measures for the Hazards			
PCBU's Pre-Start Check at Site	Site hazards may impair works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake pre-site inspection verify conditions on site will enable works to be carried out in accordance with the SWMS. • Discuss site specific works with the Site Supervisor reviewing site signage, Safety Management Plan, for site specific hazards • Ensure all employees are made aware of any site specific hazards to works and this SWMS • If SWMS are to be changed copy is to be provided to site supervisor and approval obtained • Construction Inducted employees and contractors are only allowed to undertake construction works 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect meter box RCD and activate tripping device verifying working condition if using power equipment • Ensure all leads tagging & testing are up to date. • Only certified and/or licensed personnel are to operate mobile equipment • If undertaking excavation or digging works identify if underground power conduit is live and location (plan located in meter box, site office, via cable locating company). • Identify location of underground gas distribution or piping.
Work near to gas lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explosion • Hazardous atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate the gas distribution line if working in close proximity to the gas line (engage a gas plumber) • Contact the site supervisor if gas lines are identified during works and require isolation
Excavations and digging near underground gas lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explosion - Hazardous atmosphere 	<p>Trades to Inspect Site Plans Prior to the Commencement of Digging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact dial before you dig prior to undertaking excavation works on the nature strip and common areas of the site. Dial before you dig will only be able to identify gas distribution lines of the gas distributor asset owner and are to be considered as a guide only. • Gas lines within a site will need to be determined via the engagement of a cable locator. • Gas lines within in residential sites in general run in a straight line from the gas meter to the street • Prior to the commencement of any digging examine these plans & determine if the intended excavation will impact these underground gas lines. Work can occur in close proximity to live power lines as long as the powered mobile plant is 500mm from the underground gas lines. Work in closer proximity should be undertaken via hand digging.