

Safe Work Method Statement – Works on or near to body of water which pose risk of drowning

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 near water	Work Location:		
High Risk Construction Work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowning 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall from height 	Site Supervisor:		
		Emergency Contact:	1399 766 216	Contact No:
Date of SWMS	01/06/2023	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		
		<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 • All electrical equipment is to be tested and tagged 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If SWMS are to be changed copy is to be provided to site supervisor and workers made aware of the changes
Work near pool	Falls from height Drowning	<p>The risk of drowning is not a common hazard faced in construction. In some cases houses maybe constructed near pools located on Owners premises. These pools pose a hazard if filled with water and a fall into an excavation if empty. The same control measures as outlined in trenching & excavation should be employed if working within the excavation.</p> <p>Pool Fencing & Void Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work shall be conducted on a pool whilst construction of the house is underway unless agreed to by the principal builder. Pools where it is assessed that a trade could fall into it (pool within 3m of the gutter line) off of a scaffold or from a similar place or thing e.g. a ladder are required to be fully covered by a suitable void deck, strong enough to prevent any person from falling through it into the excavation. If the position of the pool does not impact on the trades in such a manner it can be adequately fenced. Trades should not tamper, remove, or alter the void covering or the fencing. They are to report any issues/damage to the protective measures to the Supervisor.
Preventing access	Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCBU's and workers are to ensure that the pool fencing is not compromised by works and that the pool fence gate is not left open
Works on or around pool fencing	Drowning	<p>Pool fencing have a non-climbable zone (NCZ) of 900mm from the top of the pool fence. This zone is to be kept free of climbable objects. Pool gates are self-closing and are not to be left in the open position via propping the gate open.</p> 