

# AUSMAR

## The purpose of the SWMS template

Hi, I'm AUSMAR's Safety Manager, my role is to assist AUSMAR meet legislative requirements and assist you to do the same. As you may know Principal Contractors must ensure Safe Work Method Statements [SWMS] are developed and used for all high-risk work.

You might be saying to yourself, "I don't do any high-risk work", however when you look at the list of 18 high-risk activities in the legislation you might be surprised. Also, if high-risk work is knowingly being carried out on site by another trade then you have an obligation to have controls in place for your workers.

During visits by Worksafe, Inspectors ask contractor's for a copy of their SWMS and expect to see them on site. It is a fineable offence not to have it available on hand. There is up to \$16k worth of fines to a company related to SWMS breaches in the legislation.

AUSMAR is providing you with a SWMS template for you own/use that meets WHS requirements for high-risk tasks that are regularly undertaken on our residential developments.

You can use your own SWMS documentation, you are under no obligation by AUSMAR to use the attached SWMS, take it or leave it, the SWMS template is only an option if your SWMS are old, not current with controls around silica management, or other high-risk, or you want to save money in these tough times and not use a safety consultant.

If you decide to use the provided SWMS, please read it, change everything in red relevant to you, delete anything that is obviously not going to affect your workers, [just because you don't use mobile plant doesn't mean it can't present a risk to you on site, or a pool full of water].

Please return a signed copy authorising it from someone in your company, best practice would be to have all your workers however we understand it may not be possible due to turnover, distance or contractual arrangements.

Just to reiterate, a sign copy must be present/available with workers on site during high-risk tasks.

If you have any queries or I can assist you with your SWMS documentation for AUSMAR work please let me know.

More information can be found at the following website:

<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/resources/guides/safe-work-method-statements>

Regards,

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