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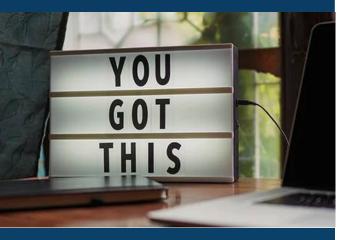
- 📢 UBS Important Updates! 📢
- High Risk Work Ensure your compliance is up to date in LinkSafe before going to site. Contact BST for a new induction link if needed.
 - Spotchecking Responsibility –
 Ensure compliance is current when receiving a work order. Noncompliance introduces risks.
 - Project Spotlight: Cyclone Alfred Response – Teams worked hard securing properties and preventing further damage.





Quality, and Safety procedures.





"What stands in the way, becomes the way." – Marcus Aurelius

High Risk Work



A Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) is required on a job-by-job basis for all **high-risk construction work** to ensure worker safety and regulatory compliance. As a trade, you must:

- Prepare, maintain, and adhere to an SWMS before work begins.
- Identify hazards, assess risks, and outline control measures.
- Provide the SWMS to the principal contractor.

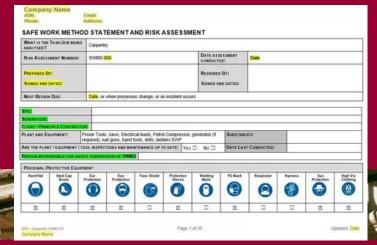
An SWMS is a critical document that details specific high-risk activities, the hazards they present, and the steps required to manage and control these risks effectively. It ensures that all workers understand the safety measures in place and comply with them throughout the job. Regular reviews and updates of the SWMS help address any new risks that arise during the course of work.

So, what exactly is High-Risk Work?

High-risk construction work in insurance maintenance includes:

- Work with a fall risk over 2 metres.
- Structural repairs requiring temporary support to prevent collapse.
- Work in confined spaces, trenches deeper than 1.5 metres, or tunnels.
- Work near pressurised gas mains, chemicals, fuel, or live electrical installations.
- Work in hazardous atmospheres, extreme temperatures, or areas with mobile plant movement.
- Work near water or liquids that pose a drowning risk.

These types of work require careful planning and strict safety measures to prevent accidents and injuries. Workers must be aware of potential hazards and follow appropriate procedures to minimise risks. Employers and contractors must also conduct thorough risk assessments before commencing any high-risk construction activity.



Spotchecking



In any construction or maintenance project, compliance is crucial. When you're sent a work order (WO), it is the responsibility of the team member issuing it to ensure that your compliance is up to date before you head to the site. They do this by checking the records of the platform you completed your prequalification on, LinkSafe.

Failure to comply with regulatory and safety standards doesn't just impact you; it also introduces significant risk to the entire project, including UBS, your trade, and your team members. If you're not compliant when you arrive on site, it creates potential issues that can lead to delays, safety concerns, and even legal ramifications.

One simple way to help your Project Manager (PM) keep things running smoothly is by ensuring all your compliance items are current and properly documented in LinkSafe. This proactive approach not only supports the team's smooth operation but also reduces risk and helps maintain a safe working environment.

If you've not received a link for your induction for some time, the Business Support Team (BST) may need to issue you with a new one. Reach out to our friendly staff in the BST team, and we'll make sure you get that link so you're ready to go.

By keeping your compliance up to date, you contribute to the overall success of the project, safeguard your team, and prevent unnecessary complications down the line.



Trade Spotlight 💡



Cyclone Alfred may have been downgraded on landfall, but its intense winds and heavy rain caused widespread damage across Southeast Queensland. Our Claims and Makesafe Team, alongside dedicated makesafe crews, were ready to respond as soon as it was safe to do so.

Led by Technical Construction Manager Andrew Prout, our teams worked tirelessly in harsh conditions to secure properties and prevent further damage, with strong support from our insurer partners. Requests for assistance continue to come in, and under the leadership of Andrew Moroney, our Claims and Makesafe Team is ensuring swift action and prioritised support for affected customers.

A huge thank you to our ground crews, and those providing assessment and restoration assistance in Brisbane. Every contribution matters, and we are immensely proud of the teamwork and dedication shown in this critical recovery effort.









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