

## Safe Work Method Statement SWMS-415



SWMS Title:	Window Cleaning		Description of Task / Activity:	Window Cleaning					
Partner Site:	r Site: All Partner Sites								
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Authorised by	: Operational Business U	nit Manager or Delegate	Date: 30/09/2020						

Hierarchy of Control		Risk Matrix											
Elimination		RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS						RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS					
		Step 1       Determine       Step 2       Probability				Step 3 Calculate Risk							
			CONSEQUENCE				Consequence						
		LIKELIHOOD		PERSON	ASSETS	ENVIRONMENT		Likelihood	1	2	3	4	5
Substitution		A Practically impossible	1	Minor Near Miss	Under \$500 Damage and Minimal Productivity Disruption.	No Damage		А	1 Low	3 Low	6 Low	10 Medium	15 High
Engineering		B Not Likely to Occur	2	First Aid Treatment Injury	\$500–1000 Damage and/or Slight Production Disruption.	Minor Damage		В	2 Low	5 Low	9 Medium	14 High	19 Extreme
		Unusual C but Possible	3	MTI or Short Term LTI	\$1000–5000 Damage and/or Production Disruption.	Reversible Damage		с	4 Low	8 Medium	13 Medium	18 High	22 Extreme
Administration		D Quite Possible	4	Long Term LTI	\$5000–10,000 Damage and/or Project Contingency Plan Required.	Serious Damage		D	7 Low	12 Medium	17 High	21 Extreme	24 Extreme
РРЕ		E Almost Certain	5	Fatality, Permanent Disability	More than \$10,000 Damage and/or Large Reorganisation of Project.	Major Damage		E	11 Medium	16 High	20 Extreme	23 Extreme	25 Extreme



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1. Hazard / Hazardous Event	2. Current Controls
Prestart Inspection/Preparation – Slips, Trips, manual handling	Assess the areas to be cleaned for any hazards.
	<ul> <li>Always inspect (visually only) the area for hazards such as sharps or blood/bodily fluids prior to commencement mopping. If such hazards are found, please refer to your Supervisor.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Close access to the area until the job is completed (if practicable) or do the work after hours.</li> </ul>
	• Place safety sign/s in a position so that they can be easily seen to avoid any trip hazards, especially leads.
	• Read SDS for details of chemical, exposure hazards, safe handling and storage, and first aid.
Dilute Detergent – slip, trip, chemical exposure	Dilute detergent in the bucket.
	• Ensure correct PPE is worn, including gloves, goggles and non-slip footwear.
Cleaning window – slip, trip, chemical exposure, manual handling	Check equipment is in safe working condition.
	Assess area for hazards (broken windows, overhead electrical wires).
	Wear safety glasses when cleaning windows above shoulder height.
	Clear cobwebs as per <u>SWMS-413 – Cobwebbing</u>
	Remove tape and other materials on glass surfaces.
	Wash window with cleaning solution using an applicator and an extension pole.
	Remove solution from accessible glass with squeegee.
	Dry accessible edges and window frames with absorbent cloth.
	• Do not perform glass cleaning operation with an extension pole for periods in excess of 10 minutes with a 5-
	minute interval of alternative tasks.
High window cleaning – slip, trip, chemical exposure, maul handling, falling from height	• If high window cleaning is required beyond the safe reach of a telescopic pole and it is necessary to gain height through the use of a portable ladder refer to <u>SWMS-100 – Using Portable Ladders</u>
Equipment storage – slips, trips, manual handling	Clean equipment and return to cleaners' storage area.
3. Additional Information	
• For Additional Information contact the HSE Team.	
4. Activity Risk Rating: Medium (C3)	