

Take 5 - Risk Assessment - Procedure

Background

Current Work Health & Safety (WHS) legislation requires the identification of potential hazards, the assessment of risk of the hazard and the development of controls to eliminate or minimise the risk in the workplace.

When working on Airport Development Group (ADG) work sites this can be achieved by using the following control measures:

- SWMS
- Task-based risk assessment (Take 5 this procedure)

Scope

This procedure applies to all ADG staff and contractors that may conduct work activities with the potential to cause harm or damage on ADG sites. This procedure or an equivalent method of task-based risk assessment must also be conducted by all ADG stakeholders.

ADG may from time to time ask their stakeholders to demonstrate how they are meeting the intent of this procedure for their work activity with the potential to cause harm or damage.

Definitions

For the purposes of this procedure the following definitions apply:

Work activity with the potential to cause harm or damage

May include - working at heights (including ladders), manual handling, using flammable materials, chemicals, powered mobile plant, electrical work (on or near), work near roads or water, towers, pressurised piping, temperature extremes, demolition, asbestos, excavations, explosives, confined space, refrigerant lines or any work activity that may cause harm or damage.

See examples inside cover of Take 5 booklet below:



Hazard A hazard is something in, or that may be in the work

environment that has the potential to cause harm (injury, illness, including psychological illness or

death) to a person

Risk The chance or likelihood that a hazard will cause

harm to a person.

Control A thing, work process or system of work that controls

the WHS or environmental hazard or risk.

Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) is a legal document

A written document that identifies:

- high risk construction work activities to be carried out at a workplace,
- hazards and risks to health and safety arising from these activities,
- measures to be implemented to control the risks; and
- how the control measures are to be implemented, monitored and reviewed.
- Who is responsible and accountable for the HRCW

Take 5 – Risk Assessment

Is an activity that takes place on ADG sites before work activity with the potential to cause harm or damage are undertaken & consists of documenting the action plan including:

- Stop, step back & think about the task before starting,
- Identify the hazards,
- Assess the risk,
- Control the risk,
- Proceed safely.

Task-based risk assessment (TBRA)

Is a basic risk assessment undertaken by ADG stakeholders prior to conducting work activity with the potential to cause harm or damage. A TBRA is normally a documented process.

Legal & other requirements

- Work Health & Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act & Regulation 2011
- All subordinate legislation & Codes of Practice relating to the above

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This procedure outlines the minimum TBRA that must be undertaken by all ADG stakeholders before undertaking any work activity with the potential to cause harm or damage. There are many ways this activity can be undertaken. ADG endorses and recommends using the Take 5 method and will provide resources to enable this to occur as required. There are 5 key steps to this activity including:

Step 1 - Stop, step back & think

It is important that the worker or group of workers stops, steps back from the task & thinks about the work activity ahead of them, prior to conducting any work activity with potential to cause harm.

This is to ensure they have thought about the task ahead considered the worked activity, the risks associated with that activity, considered the skills & resources required to conduct the activity safely.

This will ensure the workers, other persons affected by the work, ADG infrastructure & operations will not be adversely affected by the work activity.

On your Take 5 document under Step 1 (Fig A refers) there are a number of questions relating to the task at hand. You will notice these are yes/no type questions that are highlighted, if you place a tick in the highlighted box turn the page (Fig B refers) & notate what the issue was:

eg: "Do I understand what I need to do? And you answer No. This item needs to be notated on the SWMS section of the notebook (Fig B refers) for further assessment.

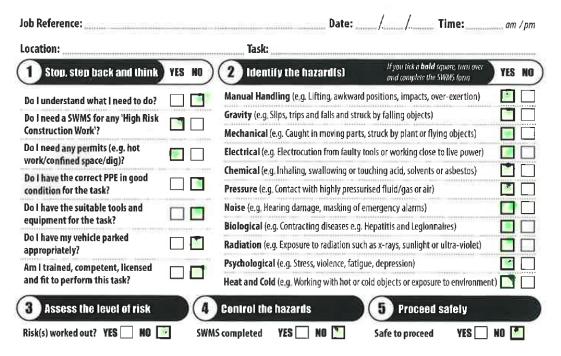


Fig A – Highlighted boxes that warrant further action

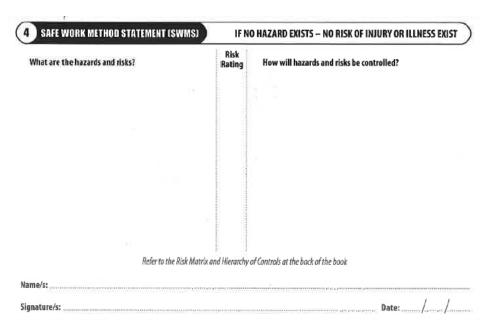


Fig B – Take 5 Hazards, Risks & Controls section

Step 2 - Identify the hazards

Prior to starting the work activity consider the hazards associated with the task these will include as a minimum:

- Manual handling eg; lifting, awkward positions, impacts, over exertion
- **Gravity** eg; slips, trips & falls
- **Mechanical** eg; caught in or struck by moving parts
- **Electrical** eg; electric shock or electrocution
- Chemical eg; inhale, swallow or exposed to chemicals or asbestos
- Pressure eq; contact with pressurised equipment
- Noise eg; exposure to loud or prolonged noise activity (if you have to shout to be heard by someone standing next to you, extra controls will be warranted)
- **Biological** eg; contact with potential diseases, blood borne products, bodily fluids
- Radiation eg; exposure to sun, heat or x-ray
- Psychological eg; exposure to stress, violence or fatigue
- Hot & cold eg; working in extremes of temperature of differing temperatures.

Once you have identified the different types of hazards these should be marked on your Take 5 document under Step 2 (Fig A refers) and for every hazard identified.

Step 3 - Assess the risk

When considering the work activity & you have identified the potential hazards (listed above) you must assess the risk associated with the identified hazards. If any of the identified hazards have the potential to cause harm or damage to property or the environment, then you need to look at the adequacy of the existing controls.

In determining the risk assessment, the Hazard Risk Rating Table, on your Take 5 document, can be used to determine whether the risk is High, Medium or Low (Fig C refers). The risk assessment process considers the potential Likelihood of an event occurring and the potential Consequence of an event occurring.

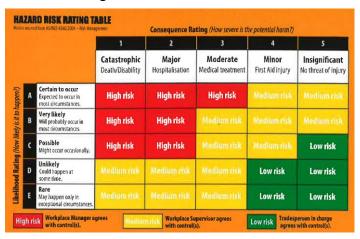


Fig C - Take 5 Hazard Risk Rating Table

Step 4 - Control the risk

Have the identified hazards & risk controls been considered in a SWMS or a standard operating procedure or equivalent other method to ensure all workers are:

- Competent to do the task
- Adequately resourced to do the task
- Have considered people, infrastructure & operations will not be affected by the work activity.

The identified controls should be documented on the Take 5 document (Fig B refers).

Step 5 - Proceed safely

Once Steps 1 to 4 have been assessed and documented the work can commence.

Monitoring the process

Workers that have been issued with a Take 5 booklet should retain this booklet until completed & then be return it to the ADG Health and Safety Manager for filing and analysis of the data.

This information will assist us to track and monitor safety issues and trends that may warrant extra safety programs or training.

The ADG Health & Safety Manager may audit the use of Take 5 or equivalent TBRA's from time to time to ensure the system is continuing to make a difference to our safety culture or to make changes to the system to ensure that it does. The focus will be on quality of the Take 5's and not a tick & flick numbers game.

Training

There will be training provided for all users of the Take 5 system.

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