

Work Near Water

WHEN TO COMPLETE – Before the start of any **Work Near Water** activities

Confirm each control / safeguard below before starting work	Guidance for confirming each control / safeguard	Person(s) Performing Work	Start-Work Verifier
I HAVE CONFIRMED:			
<p>1</p> <p>The hazards have been identified, controlled, and it is safe to start</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a task risk assessment specific to the scope of work • Discuss hazards with the work team prior to starting work • Check for simultaneous operations that may introduce additional hazards • Consider the controls/safeguards for working close to an unprotected edge near water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – fall protection equipment (e.g., safety lines, travel restraints, fall arrest) – temporary edge protection (e.g., chains, ropes) 		
<p>2</p> <p>Exclusions/restricted zones are identified to notify workers of unguarded edge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion/restricted zones are identified (e.g., signage, tape, rope and/or yellow lines) • Authorized access to exclusion/restricted zones is controlled (e.g., attendant or temporary physical barriers) 		
<p>3</p> <p>Workers authorized to enter the exclusion/ restricted zones are wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each PFD is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – approved, maintained, and certified – fit for the user and task • Each PFD has been inspected for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – damage – waterlogging – air leaks 		
<p>4</p> <p>Walking surfaces are in good condition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip and slip hazards are controlled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – high-visibility markings – non-slip deck/floor surface (e.g., coating, stick on strips, sand paint) – non-slip footwear for slippery surfaces – walking surfaces are clear of snow and ice – walking surfaces are clear of oil, grease, and chemicals – lighting is in place where needed 		
<p>5</p> <p>A communication plan is in place and responsibilities agreed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary and secondary communication methods (e.g., radios, agreed hand signals) have been tested • The person in charge has been identified as per the plan or procedure • The worker(s) have agreed to their individual roles and responsibilities • If applicable, the signaler has been identified 		
<p>6</p> <p>The rescue plan is in place and is ready to be used</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rescue plan has been discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to start the rescue response for person(s) in the water – Location of rescue equipment (e.g., fast rescue craft, pole hooks, life rings) • The rescue crew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – is available – is aware of specific hazards related to this rescue – can execute the rescue plan for the environment (e.g., stationary vs moving vessels, fixed dock/jetty, water flow/current, sea state) • Escape routes are unobstructed 		

Confirm these controls / safeguards are in place and verified prior to starting work. Stop and seek help if anything changes.



	Printed Name & Role	Signature	Date
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