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# General Work, Health and Safety Induction

For our contractors



# Welcome to Woolworths Group

We are committed to putting your safety, health and wellbeing at the centre of what we do

## Why are we asking you to complete this induction module?

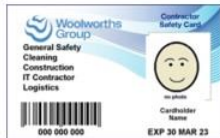
Any contractor providing a service to Woolworths is required to complete the relevant online inductions. This is to ensure that upon arrival at a Woolworths location, our health and safety expectations are already known and consistently understood by everyone who works with us.

## What happens once you have completed your required induction modules?

Once you have completed this induction and the assessments you will be able to generate a **Woolworths induction card**. This can be printed or you can save an electronic copy of the induction card to your mobile phone or device.

If you are working with us as a trolley collection or cleaning contractor you will be required to obtain a **plastic Woolworths induction card**. Further details will be provided on completion.

When working with us, **you are required to follow the requirements** detailed in the Woolworths inductions at all times.



## Why is the induction card important?

All contractors **must** be able to present their induction card when signing in at Woolworths Group Limited Sites

An example of an induction card is shown above

# Our safety, health and wellbeing policy

Our policy sets out our expectations when it comes to safety, health and wellbeing

**Woolworths is committed to putting safety, health and wellbeing at the centre of what we do. Individually and collectively we play an important role in meeting this commitment.**

We care about the physical and psychological safety and health of our customers, our team and those we work with.

We need your help to ensure that everyone goes home safely every day. Why? Because our families and friends depend on it.

## We believe:

- Being proactive is better than being reactive
- Nothing is so important that you cannot take the time to do it safely
- It is okay not to feel okay, and it's absolutely okay to ask for help
- We are all accountable for a safe work environment

As one of our valued contractors, we ask that you help us deliver on these items when working with us. You can read our policy in detail on the [Woolworths website](#).



# Arriving at a Woolworths site or store

Our requirements of you when you first arrive



A Woolworths site may include a supermarket, distribution centre, customer fulfillment centre, Woolworths property, or a construction site for a brand new Woolworths site build.

Whichever site you are arriving at, we always require our contractors to:

- Report to the site or store service desk, reception or security area before commencing work
- Use the visitor management system to sign in on arrival and sign out when departing. This may include signing into an online system such as **Vistrak** or **Sine**. Instructions on how to sign into these systems will be provided at the site
- Where an electronic system is not in place you may need to physically sign in and out using a visitors book
- **Don't forget**, all contractors **must** be able to present their induction card when signing in at Woolworths Group Limited sites



Will you arrive outside of normal operating hours?

Yes?

Then on arrival you must make yourself known to the Woolworths team member onsite

**You must never work on site alone**

# Before starting work at a Woolworths site/store

Our requirements of you before you start your work activity



Depending on the type of work you will be undertaking, a work authority form (WAF) and work permit (WP) may need to be completed, signed by you and approved by the site access controller (typically the site or store manager) prior to the commencement of works.

In addition, a safe work method statement (SWMS) is required for all works.

- The SWMS must include a description of the task(s) and how they will be undertaken
- It must be task specific and include a risk assessment to identify hazards and eliminate/control the risks unique to the site
- It must be presented to the site access controller prior to the commencement of any works requiring a work permit or deemed high risk
- It must be available to the site access controller upon request for any work not deemed high risk
- The SWMS must be complied with at all times when undertaking works

The completion of this documentation is required before starting any work and is the responsibility of the contractor.



**Before you start work...**

Remember to consider if a work authority form and work permit needs to be completed and approved by the site access controller

# Personal protective equipment

Also known as PPE is equipment worn or used to help protect you from harm



**Personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as PPE, is equipment worn or used to help protect you from hazards that have the potential to harm you.** Some examples include gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, hard hats and masks.

**When working with us, always remember that:**

- Contracting companies and their workers are responsible for assessing and implementing PPE requirements. When assessing site needs, workers should take note of signage and ensure compliance
- Contractors must provide PPE to their workers with appropriate instruction and training on its use in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Any PPE used must meet relevant Australian Standards, undergo regular maintenance and be fit for use
- Some Woolworths areas or sites require high visibility clothing to be worn at all times. Examples include distribution centres and when working in car parks. Contractors should confirm exact PPE requirements before attending a Woolworths site



**Make sure you know what PPE is required**

Contractors should confirm exact PPE requirements before attending a Woolworths site



# Housekeeping

Keeping your work area and our sites and stores clean and orderly



A clean and tidy workplace helps to make it a safer and healthier workplace for everyone. Contractors are required to keep their work areas clean at all times.

Some suggested activities include:

- Keeping all walking and working areas clean and clear of debris and rubbish
- Removing waste and scrap from site on a regular basis
- Disposing of dangerous goods and hazardous chemicals in the proper manner - **not** in the general use waste bins. They are to be removed from site and disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements. Depending on the type of waste, proof of disposal methods and/or certificates may be requested
- If you see something that may cause someone to slip, trip or fall, **don't walk past it, don't walk past it, don't walk past it**. Fix or isolate the problem or report it to the site or store manager for action



Maintaining a clean and orderly work area is everyone's responsibility

Work areas will be subject to regular housekeeping inspections



# Manual handling

Is a common task that many of us undertake each day and needs to be done safely at all times



**Most jobs involve some form of manual handling. Things like lifting, pushing, pulling and carrying things are part of everyday life.**

That's why we need all contractors to ensure that manual handling is done safely.

Manual tasks are to be identified and controls documented in your risk assessment. Alternatives should always be considered. **Some examples include:**

- Rotating manual handling tasks between workers to reduce the strain from repetitive movements
- Changing the design or layout of work areas to eliminate or minimise manual handling
- Redesigning tasks to minimise manual handling and use mechanical aids where possible
- Providing training for your workers on correct manual handling procedures



**Always ask:**

Is there an **alternate way** of doing a manual task?

If not, what is the safest way to do this task?

# Food safety

When working in our facilities and around food



**When working in and around food, we ask that you take care to avoid damaging or contaminating food items that may be in the area.** One of the easiest ways to do this is to focus on your personal hygiene and cleanliness.

**Our recommendations include, but are not limited to:**

- Thoroughly and regularly washing your hands
- Wearing clean and appropriate footwear
- Wearing hair nets or caps
- Removing or covering any exposed jewellery



**Always speak up**

If you think you may have contaminated food, speak with the site or store manager or your Woolworths Representative

# Safety signage

Is used in many Woolworths locations and everyone is expected to observe it at all times



Across our sites and stores you will see signage relating to your health and safety.

Our safety signage communicates important information and instructions. It helps to reinforce our safety messaging and provides instructions in the case of emergency situations.

Our signage is in place for your health and safety - you are required to observe it at all times.



**Danger tags and out of service tags may be used for isolating equipment during cleaning, servicing, repair or maintenance.** Equipment or plant labelled with these tags must **not** be used or have the tag removed.

**Who can remove the tag?**

- The **repairing contractor** that attached the tag is permitted to remove it once the equipment has been repaired and returned to normal operation
- Removal of the tag by **another repairing contractor** is also acceptable after consultation with the **person named on the tag**, or after consultation with the **site supervisor** who has confirmed that the equipment is repaired and is safe to use



Signage is in place for your health and safety and must be **observed at all times**

# Traffic and pedestrian movements

Making the movement of people and goods safe and efficient



**Woolworths sites and stores are busy places with a lot of people and traffic movement.**

Traffic management requirements are to be observed at all times. Contractors must ensure:



- All speed limits, traffic flows and other specific traffic management rules and signage are followed
- Vehicles are immobilised prior to loading or unloading
- Vehicles are parked only in designated parking areas. Parking in other areas will not be tolerated
- When working in, or moving equipment in the vicinity of pedestrians, consideration should be given to the separation of moving equipment and pedestrians. For example, barricading may be required to prevent unauthorised or accidental contact



## **Remember!**

When moving around any Woolworths site or store, always use pedestrian zones (where they are available)

# Plant and equipment

Must be compliant and meet the relevant codes, standards and guidelines



Any plant and equipment used on site or in stores must comply with work, health and safety regulations, the relevant Australian code(s) of practice, standards and guidelines. This is the responsibility of the contractor.

Contractor's must ensure that plant and equipment used:

- Is in good working condition at all times and is appropriate for its intended use
- Has up to date maintenance records, including electrical testing and tagging
- Secured when not in use, to prevent unauthorised access or use
- Is only operated by trained, licenced and competent people with adequate supervision in place when required

**Woolworths plant and equipment is not to be used by contractors.** The only exception to this is for accredited contractors who are deemed competent to use equipment and have evidence of the competency and appropriate approvals.

Similarly, contractor plant and equipment is not to be used by Woolworths personnel.



**Remember:**

Contractors are responsible for ensuring that any plant or equipment used is in good working condition at all times and appropriate for its intended use

# Hazardous chemicals

Hazardous chemicals must not be used without approval



**Hazardous chemicals are substances that can cause adverse health effects such as poisoning, breathing problems, skin rashes, allergic reactions and other health issues.** This is why they cannot be used in sites or stores without thorough planning and approvals.

**Contractors must ensure that:**

- An assessment is completed to identify if a less hazardous chemical may be used to complete the task
- If not, a risk assessment is completed with documented controls in place
- The relevant and current (not older than 5 years) safety data sheets (SDS) are available at the work site

**Contractor planning must consider how:**

The secure storage, decanting, and labelling of the hazardous chemicals will be undertaken as well as how the chemical will be safely removed from site. Access to spill kits is imperative, as is the thorough training and instruction for use by workers.



**Hazardous chemicals must not be disposed of in general use waste bins**

They must be removed from site and disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements

Depending on the type of waste, proof of disposal methods or certificates may be requested

# Asbestos

## Managing and controlling asbestos in our sites and stores



**Asbestos is a hazardous material that poses a risk to health by inhalation if the asbestos fibres become airborne and people are exposed to these fibres.** Inhalation of asbestos fibres is known to cause mesothelioma, asbestosis and lung cancer.

**Asbestos registers are available** at Woolworths sites/stores and **must be checked by the contractor** prior to commencing any work.

Specific **areas within a site/store that contains asbestos are labelled.** These must be identified in your risk assessment (if applicable).

**When working in or around designated asbestos areas or materials, contractors must adhere to the following requirements:**

- Only appropriately licenced contractors can perform work on asbestos containing materials and workers must be trained to identify ACM
- Work involving grinding, drilling or cutting may not be carried out unless the status of the material being worked on is known and appropriate controls implemented



### Important!

Any works proposed to be undertaken on asbestos containing material (ACM) must be approved by Woolworths



# Restricted access areas and construction zones

Requirements relating to these areas will be clearly signed and need to be observed at all times



**In some sites and stores, it is necessary to set up restricted access areas and zones.** These areas are necessary to protect staff, contractors and customers from the activities being undertaken in them. Contractors are required to observe the requirements of these areas at all times.

## **Restricted access areas:**

- Restricted areas will be clearly signed and are not to be entered without permission from the site or store manager, unless authorised to do so
- If you are required to enter a restricted access area, your work is in a geographically remote location or an isolated area of the site, then these factors are to be considered in your risk assessment, along with the relevant risk controls

## **Construction zones:**

- Construction zones will be clearly marked with hoarding, barricading and signage and are not to be entered without approval from the principal contractor or site controller



### **Important!**

Contractors are required to observe the requirements of restricted access areas and zones at all times, unless authorised to enter

# Our facilities

Woolworths have a number of areas available for your use when working with us

**We aim to provide our staff and contractors with clean and tidy facilities for their use when working with us.**

Some examples include:



## **Kitchens and lunch rooms:**

- Kitchen and lunchrooms facilities are available at most sites and stores. We thank you for helping to keep these areas clean at all times by cleaning up after yourselves so that everyone can enjoy them



## **Hand washing and bathroom facilities**

- Bathroom and hand washing facilities are available to you when working with us. These facilities are to be kept clean and tidy and any issues reported to the site or duty manager



**Children and pets are not permitted in our facilities**

When engaged as a contractor, your children and pets are not permitted on site whilst you are working

This is for their safety and the safety of staff, contractors and our customers

# In case of an emergency

We all need to be ready to respond quickly and calmly



**In the unlikely case of an emergency, we all need to be ready to respond. Every Woolworths site or store has emergency information that you need to be familiar with.**

- This information is displayed or located at each site on notice boards. This includes evacuation diagrams. On arrival at a new site or store, please ensure you familiarise yourself with this information
- Each site has nominated wardens specifically trained to assist you in the event of an emergency and any evacuation requirements. Wardens can be identified by **white, green or red hats**
- All sites and stores have first aid equipment, trained first aiders and access to offsite medical treatment. Your site or store manager can assist you with any first aid query you may have



## Remember:

During an emergency or evacuation, you must follow instructions given to you by the wardens

Always be prepared to move quickly and calmly

# What if there is an incident?

Make sure it is reported as this can help us to prevent it from happening again



Should a health and safety incident occur when you are working with us, it is essential that this is reported to the site or store manager or your Woolworths representative.

Some key things contractors need to know about our incident process:

- If requested, contractors are to assist to complete necessary incident notification forms and participate in incident investigations
- Following a serious incident, external reporting to a work, health and safety regulator such as Safe Work may be required
- If external reporting to a work, health and safety regulator is required, the area where the incident occurred may need to be preserved to allow for an investigation to occur
- This area is often called a **non-disturbance area** and works may not commence until cleared by the regulator



Was there an incident  
Yes?

Make sure the incident is reported to the site or store manager or your Woolworths representative

Examples of things we want reported include any injuries or hazards you identify

# Security processes and equipment

When working in our facilities



**Providing a safe and secure environment for our staff, contractors and customers is essential.**

Given this, Woolworths have a number of processes in place, as well as dedicated equipment that assist with providing staff, contractors and customers with a safe and secure environment in which they can work and shop.

**Some important reminders:**

- Contractor company uniforms and any relevant identification is worn by contractors (as agreed between your company and Woolworths)
- Under no circumstances are contractors to interfere with any Woolworths plant, equipment, facility or amenities, unless authorised to undertake repairs or maintenance
- Like many places in the wider community, Woolworths sites and stores use closed circuit television (CCTV) video surveillance equipment



**Remember:**

Contractors are not to interfere with any Woolworths plant, equipment, facility or amenities, unless authorised to undertake repairs or maintenance

# Centre management

Are responsible for the overall management and control of the wider shopping centre



In many instances, Woolworths sites and stores are located in shopping centres. Typically, these shopping centres operate under centre management who are responsible for the overall management and control of the wider centre.

- This induction outlines the requirements when working on a Woolworths site, however, if your work is to be conducted outside the Woolworths tenancy, or will impact areas outside of the control of Woolworths, **centre management is to be consulted prior to the commencement of works**. This is the responsibility of the contractor.
- Examples include work that may impact the infrastructure such as air conditioning, fire and sprinkler, smoke detection systems, roof, plumbing etc.
- Contractors may also be required to complete additional induction modules if specified by centre management as well as follow any of their specific health and safety requirements.



Will your work be undertaken outside of the Woolworths tenancy?

Yes?

Then make sure centre management is consulted prior to starting work

# Drugs, alcohol and smoking

Woolworths does not permit anyone to work under the influence of drugs or alcohol on location



**You are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst at a Woolworths site. We take this very seriously.**

- Any person suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to commence or continue working
- Some medications can affect individual judgement and usually carry warnings on the packaging such as “do not operate equipment for 12 hours after taking this medication”. Contractors must monitor this and report to their managers
- Some Woolworths locations provide a designated smoking area, these are the only locations smoking is permitted



Woolworths will review the contractual relationship held with any contractor suspected to have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol whilst at a Woolworths location



# Your health and wellbeing

We care about your physical and mental health



**We understand that life can be challenging for us all sometimes. But we never want you to feel alone. There are a number of free services available to support you when times may be tough.**

- You are encouraged to reach out to your employer directly for assistance. In some instances, your employer may have free and confidential services available to you through their Employee Assistance Programs (sometimes known as EAP).
- Additionally, in Australia, there are many other options available to you. They often provide counselling, information and support for anyone experiencing mental health issues.



**Phone – 13 11 14**  
**Available 24 hours**  
Visit their website for a variety of support options



**Phone – 1300 224 636**  
**Available 24 hours**  
Visit their website for a variety of support options



**Phone – 1800 737 732**  
**Available 24 hours**  
Visit their website for a variety of support options



**Phone – 1300 78 99 78**  
**Available 24 hours**  
Visit their website for a variety of support options

# Working in a respectful workplace

We all have a responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect

**We all want to feel safe and respected in the workplace, and here at Woolworths we are no different.** That is why we are committed to a working environment free from harm. Some unacceptable behaviours include, but are not limited to:

## Bullying

### What is it?

Workplace bullying is repeated unreasonable behaviour towards another person or group which creates a risk to health and safety.

## Harassment

### What is it?

Harassment is conduct that makes a reasonable person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated and relates to a protected attribute, such as sex, race, disability or age.

## Sexual harassment

### What is it?

Sexual harassment is any unwanted or unwelcome sexual behaviour where a reasonable person would have anticipated the possibility that the person harassed would feel offended, humiliated or intimidated.

## Unlawful discrimination

### What is it?

Unlawful discrimination is where a person or group is treated less favourably because of a protected attribute, such as sex, race, disability or age. Discrimination can occur directly or indirectly.

## Victimisation

### What is it?

Victimisation means treating someone unfairly on the grounds that the person has made, plans to make, or provides information in relation to a complaint.

## Violence

### What is it?

Workplace violence and aggression is when a person is abused, threatened or assaulted at the workplace or while they're working. It can cause both physical and psychological harm.

# Working in a respectful workplace

We all have a responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect

Bullying	Harassment	Sexual harassment	Unlawful discrimination	Victimisation	Violence
<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abusive, insulting, or offensive language or comments</li><li>• Spreading misinformation or rumors</li><li>• Behaviour which belittles or humiliates</li></ul>	<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Offensive or demeaning comments or jokes</li><li>• Sending or showing offensive pictures or messages (including by phone or on social media)</li></ul>	<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sending, showing or requesting sexual pictures or messages (including by phone or on social media)</li><li>• Unwelcome comments or questions about a person's appearance, sexual activities or private life</li></ul>	<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gender, marital or relationship, pregnancy, breastfeeding, parental status or carer/family responsibilities</li><li>• Sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status or gender expression</li><li>• Race, colour or nationality</li></ul>	<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making derogatory comments</li><li>• Ignoring a team member or otherwise creating a hostile working environment</li></ul>	<p><b>Some examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Punching, pushing, fighting or other physical violence</li><li>• Threats of violence</li></ul>

Woolworths will review the contractual relationship held with any contractor that commits or threatens to commit an act that is in violation of our respectful workplace policy and code of conduct. The contractor will be removed from site and any other civil or criminal penalty may be pursued if appropriate

# Our Supplier Speak Up service

Providing our contractors with an independent avenue to report an issue they are concerned about

**At Woolworths we aim to have open and positive relationships with all of our contractors and suppliers. You are part of our team after all.**

However, we understand that situations may arise where you feel that an important issue can't be discussed or dealt with by your Woolworths contact or other members of our team.

You may feel more comfortable discussing or reporting it through an independent and confidential avenue which has processes in place and impartial people to listen.

To help you do this, we have created the **Supplier Speak Up** service for this purpose, hosted by a company external and independent of Woolworths.

Issues for which **Supplier Speak Up** could be used include:

- Fraud, bribery, corruption, behaviour that threatens others
- Risk to people or product safety
- Breach of law, including theft, unconscionable, or anti-competitive trade practices
- Improper use of confidential information
- Violation of human rights, underpayment, modern slavery



To get in touch:

Australia - 1800 334 319

New Zealand - 0800 393 76736

[WoolworthsGroup.com.au/SpeakUp](https://WoolworthsGroup.com.au/SpeakUp)

Or scan this QR code



You can remain anonymous if you wish

# Reporting and communication

At Woolworths, we encourage respectful and open conversation about health and safety

**When health and safety issues come up at work, it's important to have a respectful and open conversation to resolve them. It's best to raise any concerns or problems as soon as possible. This helps prevent small issues from becoming bigger ones later on.**

Everyone has a responsibility to communicate effectively in the workplace when it comes to health and safety matters. We encourage you to follow this process:

- You should raise health and safety issues or concerns immediately and initially with your respective contracting company supervisor, team leader or manager. Contracting companies are responsible for responding reasonably to health and safety matters
- Of course, if you are on site or in a store and a Woolworths related health and safety matter occurs, please reach out to the site/store manager or your Woolworths contact
- Always remember to advise your employer as soon as possible



## Remember

Everyone has a responsibility to communicate effectively in the workplace when it comes to health and safety matters

# Repairs and Maintenance

This module is for our contractors who undertake repair and maintenance activities



# Are you competent to undertake your work?

Before starting work, all workers must be qualified, certified, trained and accredited



**Contracting companies are responsible for ensuring that workers who undertake work for Woolworths have the required qualifications and inductions before commencing work.**

Contractors may only commence work, complete skilled tasks and operate plant and equipment when:

- They hold the appropriate qualification licences, including high risk, certifications, training and accreditations
- They have successfully completed all required or relevant inductions for the project, contract or work site



**Before starting work,  
always ask yourself**

Am I trained and qualified  
to undertake my work?



# Before you get started

What processes and paperwork must be completed before you start work?

## Risk assessment

### When is this needed?

- Risk assessment must be completed by contractors for all repair and maintenance work (for example a job safety analysis or JSA)
- Safe work method statement (SWMS) is required for high risk work
- Contracting companies are responsible for ensuring risk assessments and SWMS are completed for Woolworths work activities

## Work authority form

### When is this needed?

- The Woolworths work authorisation form must be completed daily for any repair or maintenance activity undertaken by contractors

## Work permit

### When is this needed?

- A work permit is required for any of the following activities:
- Hot work, working at height, electrical works, gas work, impairment of fire service, concrete cutting, asbestos, confined space or other activities
- For these high risk activities, a work permit must be completed by the contractor and a safe work method statement (SWMS) provided

# The Woolworths work authority form (WAF)

This is a form that must be completed and approved prior to any repair and maintenance work



**Before commencing any repair and maintenance work, a work authority form (WAF) must be completed by the contractor and the site or store manager (also known as Site Access Controller).**

- Step 1-7 of the form is to be completed by the contractor and site/duty manager together, prior to commencing any work
- Step 8-12 is to be completed by the contractor upon completion of the day's work
- Step 13 of the WAF is to be completed by the site/duty manager upon completion of the day's work
- The site or store manager will guide you through this process if assistance is required
- When safe to do so, it is recommended that the first sections of the WAF are completed by both the contractor worker and the site or store manager at the location where the work is to be performed



**Work authority forms  
(WAF)**

**Must be completed and  
approved before  
commencing any repair  
and maintenance work**

# Before you start work

Remember these important things about your processes and paperwork



- A **work authority form (WAF)** is valid for up to 12 hours
- A **work permit (WP)** is valid for up to 8 hours
- **If the work extends longer** than those hours, or requires re-attendance on the next day or another day, **a new WAF and WP** will need to be completed
- All permits are to be authorised by the site or store manager, prior to the commencement of any high risk works
- If multiple high risk activities are associated with the same job, and identified prior to commencing works, a single WP can be used
- However, if multiple high risk activities are identified during the course of the works, then separate WP are required as conditions may have changed



**Is the work going to take longer than expected?**

If the work extends longer or requires re-attendance on another day, a new WAF and WP will need to be completed

# When you complete your day or task

Remember these important things



- Upon **completion** of works for the day, contractors must **notify the site or store manager**
- The site or store manager will inspect the works undertaken, parts and materials used and confirm that plant, equipment and the work area has been left in a safe manner
- Work will not be recognised as complete, until the site or store manager (or nominee) has signed the **WAF** for that day
- Forms are to be signed off at the completion of work each day



## Finished for the day?

Site or Store Manager will complete inspection of works to confirm work area has been left in a safe manner

# Hazard control barricades

Hazard control barricades play an important role to protect people from harm



It is important for contractors to have controls in place appropriate to the work environment and hazard being managed.

**Contractors must ensure that barricading is appropriate for:**

- The type of work being conducted (such as electrical, refrigeration, painting etc)
- The environment where the work is to take place. Including the potential impact that the barricade may have on staff and customers. Special consideration must be given to the needs of children and the elderly when using barricading



When using barricading, **always consider the potential impact on those in the area**, including the elderly and children.

# Working on flammable refrigerant equipment

At Woolworths sites, there will be some refrigeration and HVAC/Air conditioning equipment that contains flammable refrigerants.

- Flammable refrigerants include A2L, A2, A3, B2L, B2 and B3 classes from AS/NZS ISO 817
- HVAC/air conditioning will have flammable refrigerants such as high wall splits, ducted and package units, heat pumps
- Refrigeration equipment will have flammable refrigerants in self-contained cabinets such as online freezers and coolers, pet food fridges, team room fridges, soft drink fridges
- Any servicing, repair or maintenance works on or involving equipment containing flammable refrigerants require specific competency and safe systems of work at any Woolworths sites
- Failure to implement safe systems of work could result in fires along with toxic gases, injury to persons, and/or damage to property/assets
- Equipment and systems designed for use with flammable refrigerants require additional safety features and they are uniquely **asset tagged** (green circles). Equipment containing flammable refrigerant will have distinctly visible sign to identify them on the manufacturers name plate as per AS/NZS 60355.2.89

Examples of signage below:



# Working on flammable refrigerant equipment

- Persons working on such systems must be competent with appropriate technical qualifications. Please note: An ARCTick licence is required for any person to work with HCFC or HFC refrigerants. Specific licensing requirements for A3 refrigerants apply in Queensland
- Service technicians must meet specified training requirement for following Unit of Competency (UoC) and or equivalent state specific as minimum (e.g. In Victoria: VU22583 Handle Class A2/A2L Flammable Refrigerants):
  - UEERA0007 (Former UEENEE J174A) - Apply Safety Awareness and Legal Requirements for Hydrocarbon Refrigerants
  - UEERA0084 (Former UEENEE J175A) - Service and repair self-contained hydrocarbon air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Identify the refrigerant being worked with. If identification is not possible, treat it as an A3 refrigerant
- Setup exclusion zone (minimum 1.5 m) around the work location or relocate equipment to a safer location





# Working on flammable refrigerant equipment

- Erect appropriate signage, including “no smoking” and “do not enter the area” signs
- No ignition sources are present anywhere in the work area
- Suitable fire extinguishing equipment (CO2 or dry-powder type) is available within the immediate area
- Electrical isolation of equipment
- Obtain permit for working on flammable refrigeration system and or hot work (if required)
- The work area is properly ventilated before working on the refrigerant circuit or before brazing or handling electrics
- Suitable flammable gas detectors are present
- All appropriate and necessary tools, PPE and equipment are available
- No flammable materials are stored in the work area
- Safe work procedure followed for gas reclaim, venting, system recharge, testing, commissioning and handover (as required)



# Work Permits



# Work permits

The Woolworths work authority form identifies high risk work that requires a work permit and a safe work method statement. These must be completed by contractors prior to the commencement of the following works:



A permit to work is required for these types of works



Working at Heights



Hot Work



Fire Impairment



Asbestos



Electrical  
(including Welding)



Gas



Concrete Cutting



Confined Space Entry  
(CSE)



Any other permit required  
(Contractor to provide their own permit)  
e.g. trenching.

# Hot work

## Work permit required



**Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for hot work with consideration to the risk controls below.** *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

**Before** commencing any hot work, contractors must ensure that they:

- Provide their own fire extinguisher
- Are trained and competent in the use of the fire extinguisher
- Are informed of the location of the site's fire fighting equipment
- Are trained in the use of sounding alarms
- Erect appropriate barricading to prevent unauthorised entry and protect those people who may be in the area from heat or sparking activities

**After** completing any hot work, contractors must ensure that they:

- Maintain a one (1) hour fire watch
- Ask the site or store management to provide a further one (1) hour fire watch by a Woolworths team member, unless auto smoke detection is in place



**Before starting, always ask yourself:**

Is there an alternative way of doing this task safely without performing hot works on site?

# Hot work - welding

## Work permit required



Contractors must have a **safe work method statement (SWMS)** in place for welding with consideration to the risk controls below. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

- Always ensure **appropriate personal protective equipment** is used such as eye and face protection, dry clothing, safety footwear and gloves
- Select an **appropriate area to weld away from people**, that is well ventilated
- **Isolate the welding location**, using screens or partitions with adequate warning signage
- **Use fully insulated electrode holders**. The holders should never be dipped into water to cool, or be placed on conductive surfaces
- **Isolating mats and/or RCD units are to be used** to insulate the welder from earthing
- All electrical **cables must be in good working order** and must not come into contact with water
- **Welding in wet conditions must be avoided** and rescheduled to be completed in dry conditions



### Remember

Welding **must only be undertaken** by someone who is **qualified** or someone **who is learning** under the direction of a **supervisor**

# Hot work - concrete cutting

## Work permit required



Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for concrete cutting with considerations to the hazards and what would be appropriate risk controls to manage them. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

### Concrete cutting activities include:

- Drilling greater than 40mm depth
- Core hole drilling
- Saw cutting
- Chasing/ grinding greater than 5mm depth
- Jack hammering
- Noise hazards (with consideration to noise curfews)
- Dust hazards (including identifying and managing potential and actual silica dust risks)
- Vibration hazards
- Electrical hazards (cutting machine handles to be insulated, earthing mechanical and electrical devices, use of insulated rubber footwear & gloves)
- Gas hazards
- Identification and assessment of the location of all underground services by performing an underground services survey. Including consulting as-built plans)
- Water availability (to ensure continual wet down of area)
- Barricades and warning signs are to be used around concrete cutting operations to prevent unauthorised entry and to protect persons from heat or sparking

### Things to note when cutting concrete:

- The **maximum permissible depth of cut is 2/3** of slab thickness
- The depth of the slab **should be checked with a full cut on a short run** until the slab depth is determined
- The **blade should then be adjusted to 2/3 of that depth** for the remainder of the cut



**Approval is always required before concrete cutting begins**

Speak with the site or store manager or your Woolworths contact before proceeding

# Electrical work

## Work permit required



Contractors must have a **safe work method statement (SWMS) for electrical work with consideration to the risk controls below**. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

- Contractors completing the work must always hold the **appropriate licence** for the task
- **Appropriate barricades and personal protective equipment** must be selected for the task (such as face protection, eye protection, insulated gloves, insulated rubber mats, non-conductive clothing and footwear)
- **Danger and out of service tags** must be available at all times, with the tags noting contractor details
- **Energy sources are located, Lock out Tag out (LOTO) applied to control energy source and checked for latent energy before commencing work.**
- **Non conductive ladder** used for electrical work
- All **leads are tested and tagged** within date and no double adapters at Woolworths sites
- **Competent supervision and coordination** of the works, emergency plan and safe restoration of services



**Remember:**

Live (energised)  
electrical work is not  
permitted



# Mains gas work

## Work permit required



Contractors must have a **safe work method statement (SWMS)** for mains gas work with consideration to the risk controls below. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

Gas work is defined as:

Work on LPG gas consumer piping, fittings, components, appliances, flues, sub-meters, apparatus and other devices and associated requirements

- **Ignition sources are identified and isolated**
- How the gas system will be **isolated, locked and tagged**
- Consumer gas piping (such as piping after the meter) **must be purged prior to work commencing**. Where purging is not practicable, the contractor will notify the relevant Utility authority prior to commencing work on any unpurged piping
- The atmosphere is **tested for explosive limits**
- Open pipe ends **must be sealed** when work is in progress
- Gas pipelines **tested for leaks** on completion of work and before handover
- **Flammable liquids, dust and deposits removed**
- **Fire extinguisher supplied** by the contractor (Dry chemical or CO2)



**Remember:**

Open pipe ends must be sealed when work is in progress

# Trenching

Work permit required



Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for trenching work with consideration to the risk controls below. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

- **Positive identification of underground services in proximity to work location** (such as electricity, water, gas, refrigeration, telephone/data cables, etc.)
- **Proximity to building structural supports and inspection holes**
- **Access/egress** and potential trip hazards
- **The nature of the ground**
- Potential for **flooding**
- Areas of **instability**
- **Location of spoil pile** (not closer than 0.5m from the edge of the trench)

Trenching works of more than 1.5 meters are to include the specific regulatory requirements in the safe work method statement (SWMS)



**Remember:**

All trenches **must be**  
**barricaded**

# Asbestos

Where potential or actual asbestos containing material (ACM) is identified, a work permit must be completed



Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for asbestos related work with consideration to the risk controls below. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

Asbestos registers are available at Woolworths sites/stores and must be checked by the contractor prior to commencing any work

- Contractors **must be trained** in the identification of ACM
- Only **appropriately licenced contractors** can perform work on ACM
- Specific areas within a site/store that contains asbestos are labelled and these must be identified in your SWMS
- **Work involving grinding, drilling or cutting may not be carried out** unless the status of the material being worked on is known and appropriate controls implemented



If you suspect unlabelled or unidentified asbestos to be present, **cease work immediately** and notify the site or store manager

# Fire impairment

Work permit required



**Fire impairment occurs when a critical fire protection or detection system is taken fully or partially out of service.**

**Fire impairment may be considered planned or unplanned. Planned impairment** includes activities such as routine inspections, scheduled or general maintenance. **Unplanned impairment** activities include activities such as an emergency or unforeseen event.

Whether planned or unplanned, it is important for contractors to take the necessary steps to plan, prepare and notify the relevant people about the activity.

## **Contractors must:**

- Along with the work authority form, work permit, and SWMS, contractors must complete the fire protection impairment notification form if the impairment is 8 hours or longer or occurs overnight

Should you require further information relating to fire impairment activities, please speak with your Woolworths site or store manager or representative.

# Confined space

## Work permit required



A confined space is determined by hazards associated with a set of circumstances, not just because work is performed in a small space. Entry to a confined space means a person's head or upper body is in the confined space or within the boundary of the confined space

**Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for confined space work with consideration to the risk controls below.** *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

- Contractors entering a confined space **must be trained and accredited**
- Contractors undertaking approved confined space entries are required to **provide their own PPE** and emergency equipment
- Contracting companies **must have a confined space entry process** in place and are responsible for relevant approvals of the confined space permit
- The **confined space entry permit** (in addition to the work authority form and work permit) must be provided to the site or store manager immediately **before commencement** and **must contain the air quality testing results**

# Working at heights

## Work permit required



Working at heights is a high risk activity. Fall hazards are found in many workplaces where work is carried out at height, for example stacking shelves in warehouses and retail outlets, working on a roof or unloading a large truck

Falls can also occur at ground level into holes, for example trenches or service pits

Contractors must have a safe work method statement (SWMS) in place for working at height with consideration to the risk controls below. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and consideration of site specific hazards must be assessed.*

- In the first instance, where possible, **work from the ground or a solid construction**
- Inspect the work area and **assess any risks** of falling
- If there is a need to work at height, **implement and use appropriate control measures** which may include hard barriers, handrails, work platforms, scaffolds, harnesses and secured ladders etc
- Only ladders complying with AS/NZ1892 (or equivalent) are to be used. They must be fit for use and secured appropriately when in use by contractors



Before working at heights, always consider whether the work can be carried out on the ground or on a solid construction. **Is there another way of completing the work without having to work at heights?**