



JOB / TASK:




SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

**SWP No:
303**

Embankments – Working on

(This procedure is to be used in conjunction with any operating manuals or training relevant to the task)

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This procedure excludes vehicle usage, The object of this procedure is to highlight the potential hazards associated with working on inclined surfaces and to assist in the development of a planned approach to the task.

WHAT TO DO	HAZARDS	HOW TO DO IT	PPE
STEPS IN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE	APPLICABLE TO EACH STEP	IDENTIFY EQUIPMENT, SAFETY, QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS	
<p>Supervisor to assess the degree of risk by considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work activity; • Gradient of the slope. <p>If in doubt as to safety for the task, a second opinion may be required with an experienced operator or Safety Representative.</p> <p>Note At this stage a work plan should be drawn up indicating the agreed work procedure.</p> <p>Points to be considered</p>	<p>Slipping Cuts & Abrasions Broken Bones Fall Burns Death Stability of the Slope</p>	<p>As the type of work to be undertaken varies, as does the gradient of the slope, it is not possible to cater for all variables. Therefor listed below are a number of points that must be taken into consideration at the planning stage. The list is not intended to be exhaustive but to be used as a guide/prompt to stimulate other items to be addressed.</p> <p>Footwear – good sole grip and ankle support. Ground surface – rubble, grass surface – short or long – wet or dry. Access or egress – is there an advantage in climbing up or down. What is at the bottom of the slope? E.g. creek, road etc.</p> <p>Working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dig in foot hold; • Use handsaw in lieu of a chainsaw; • Establish work location. <p>Then have plant/material transported or lowered to worker.</p>	 <p>GLOVES MUST BE WORN IN THIS AREA</p>  <p>SAFETY FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN IN THIS AREA</p>  <p>SAFETY HELMET MUST BE WORN IN THIS AREA</p> 