**Events Involving High Risk Works**

**Who needs to read this**?

All Curtin University Staff, Students, Visitors, Tenants and Principal Contractors

**Background**

Worksafe WA has recently released guidance on additional requirements related to events that involve high-risk works.

From an events perspective examples of high-risk works are:

* rigging, dogging and scaffolding
* working at heights >2m
* use of mobile plant such as forklifts
* where there is a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters
* use of explosives (ie. fireworks)
* or if the event occurs on a roadway

**Key Messages**

Any activity outlined above and where more than 5 people will be working within the site is classed as a “construction site”. This will then require:

* a specific Safe Work Method Statement /Risk Assessment by the person/contractor in control of the works
* all persons within the site to have completed a “Prepare to work safely in the construction industry” (white card) **and** relevant high-risk work license
* where a principal contractor is engaged a Work Health and Safety Plan is required

**Who do you call with questions?**

If you have any queries, please contact your Curtin responsible person or Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email [healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au](mailto:healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au).

**References**

Worksafe Information Sheet – [Safe Work Method Statement for high risk construction work](https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/231293_br_swms-highrisk.pdf)

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