

BRIEFING 16

RAMS Reviewed

A Risk Assessment and Method Statement (RAMS) sets out the hazards of a task and the safe method of doing it. You must read, understand and work to the RAMS for your activity before you start.

What RAMS cover

- The hazards of the task and who could be harmed.
- The control measures that reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
- The safe sequence of work — the method statement.
- The PPE, plant, permits and competencies required.
- Emergency arrangements specific to the task.

Before you start work

- Confirm a current, approved RAMS exists for your task and sign the briefing record.
- Make sure you understand it — ask questions if anything is unclear.
- Check the controls and equipment described are actually in place.
- Stop and consult your supervisor if conditions change from the RAMS.

Your responsibilities

Work strictly to the agreed method. RAMS must be reviewed and re-briefed if the task, location, materials or conditions change. A RAMS only protects you if it is followed.

STOP & ASK No approved RAMS — no work. If what you find on site differs from the RAMS, stop and report it before continuing.