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MWPA Permit to Work Procedure

The Mid West Port Authority (MWPA) has in place a Permit to Work Procedure whose purpose is to ensure high risk activities are conducted safely and with a high level of protection for people, the environment and property/infrastructure.

The procedure follows a succinct set of processes starting with an application, content and logistics review, and final issue of a signed permit to the applicant.

The Procedure identifies it is the responsibility of the Permit Applicant to have a copy of the Permit readily available onsite for sighting by an authorised MWPA Officer.

We have in recent time had to delay work activities due to this procedure not being adhered to. Specifically, high risk tasks for which a permit is required, personnel on site have not been able to produce a signed sanctioned permit copy.

Breaches of this procedure not only present a significant safety risk but also may incur legal action as the Port Authorities Act 1999 affords the Mid West Port Authority the legislative power to commence proceedings for unauthorised activities on Port land.

The full procedure is available on the Mid West Port Authority website, contained in the drop down menu under Health, Safety, Environment and Quality along with the Permit Application templates.

Should there be any questions regarding the application of this procedure please don't hesitate to enquire with the Permit Staff, Wharf Supervisors or the HSEQ department.

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