Painting near water



High Risk Construction Work Activity:	In, over or adjacent to water/other liquids where there is a risk of drowning
What:	Painting the ceiling beams of an in- door swimming pool
Where:	Indoor public swimming pool
Who:	Typically involving 2 or more painters

1. ELIMINATION

- Empty the pool
- Cover the pool with boarding

2. MODIFICATION

- Separate high risk areas from painting tasks with the use of barriers
- Build a scaffold around pool/ Use physical barriers around the water or liquid hazards
- Use guard railing around the water or liquid hazards
- Cover areas of liquids or install temporary barriers to prevent falls into liquids where there is a risk of drowning

3. ADMINISTRATION

- Use an elevated work platform if possible this will depend upon the ceiling height and floor space
- Follow SWMS of Principle Contractor in regards to the work in the areas where there is a risk of drowning
- Consult with the building contractor, safety officer and / or HSR regarding any specific actions required when working in these areas.
- Use a spotter
- Maintain housekeeping in areas to prevent slips and trips where there is a risk of drowning
- Use trained and experienced staff to undertake activities in the vicinity of water or liquids
- Restrict access to areas where there is a risk of drowning

4. PERSONAL PROTECTION