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 indoor 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
   - 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

Painting near water