



Hazard Alert

Working Alone or in Isolation

Recent incidents have identified workers who's work had little routine interaction with fellow employees.

The BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 4.20.1 defines "to work alone or in isolation" as to work in circumstances where assistance would not be readily available to the worker in case of an emergency, or the worker is injured or in ill health.



Best Practices:

- Before a worker is assigned to work alone or in isolation, identify any hazards to that worker.
- Take corrective actions or measures to prevent or minimize hazards or incidents from occurring.

To determine if assistance is readily available, consider:

- Presence of others: Are other people in the vicinity?
- Awareness: Will other persons capable of providing assistance be aware of the worker's need?
- Willingness: Is it reasonable to expect those other persons will provide assistance?
- Timeliness: Will assistance be provided within a reasonable period of time?