

**Purpose:** To provide workers with guidelines on safely working in areas where routine interaction with other workers and the public is limited (i.e. remote leases).

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#### Hazards and Required Defenses

During the work planning process, defenses must be identified to address:

- Working in isolation.
- Becoming stranded in remote areas (equipment/vehicle malfunction).
- No or unreliable means of communication.
- Availability of medical aid.

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#### Work Alone Plan Required

A work alone plan is required for all workers who perform work alone or without routine interaction with other workers or the public.

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#### Work Alone Plan Details

A work alone plan must include the following details based on a hazard assessment or equivalent work planning tool for the work activities, work site, or work group:

- Identified hazards and defenses.
- Communication system (e.g. telephone, cellular, radio, satellite phone).
- System to monitor workers at prescribed times including end of shift check-in. System will alert supervisor or delegate of missed check-in.
- A written process for locating workers who fail to check-in.
- Training for supervisors and workers on the plan.



**NOTE:** In British Columbia, the procedures and time intervals are developed in consultation with the joint safety committee.

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#### Testing of Work Alone Plan

The work alone plan must be reviewed if:

- Operational conditions change and could affect a worker's wellbeing.
  - Supervisors are notified by workers that the procedure is not working effectively.
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