

Work Alone Resources Manitoba

Link to Legislation

Codes of Practice

PART 9 - WORKING ALONE OR IN ISOLATION

Application

9.1 This part applies to every workplace where a worker works alone or works in isolation.

Risk Identification

- **9.2(1)** When a worker works alone or works in isolation, an employer must identify the risks arising from the conditions and circumstances of the worker's work in consultation with:
- (a) the committee at the workplace;
- (b) the representative at the workplace; or
- (c) when there is no committee or representative, the workers at the workplace.
- 9.2(2) An employer must, so far as is reasonably practicable, take steps to eliminate or reduce the identified risks to workers working alone or working in isolation.

Safe Work Procedures

- 9.3(1) An employer must:
- (a) develop and implement safe work procedures to eliminate or reduce the identified risks to workers working alone or working in isolation;
- (b) train workers in the safe work procedures; and
- (c) ensure that workers comply with the safe work procedures.
- 9.3(2) The safe work procedures must include:
- (a) the establishment of an effective communication system that consists of: (i) radio communication,



- (ii) telephone or cellular phone communication, or
- (iii) any other means that provides effective communication given the risks in involved;
- (b) any of the following:
- (i) a system of regular contact by the employer with the worker working alone or in isolation,
 - (ii) limitations on or prohibitions of specified activities,
- (iii) the establishment of training requirements; and (c) where applicable, the provision of emergency supplies for use in travelling or working under conditions of extreme cold or other inclement weather conditions.
- 9.3(3) An employer must post a copy of the safe work procedures in a conspicuous place at the workplace.
- **9.3(4)** An employer must review and revise the procedures not less than every three years or sooner if circumstances at a workplace change in a way that poses a risk to the safety or health of a worker working alone or in isolation.