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WORKING ALONE

PURPOSE/APPLICATION

To ensure that workers who are required to work and/or travel alone have an effective means of communication. To "work alone" means to work by oneself at a worksite in circumstances where assistance is not readily available (including from other companies' employees or the general public) in the event of an injury, illness or emergency.

<u>PPE</u>	•	Strike minimum requirements	•	Seatbelt
	•	Personal gas monitor (As required)	•	Task specific PPE
	•	Weather specific clothing		
TRAINING	•	Workers shall be trained on this document, checklist and log	•	Training specific to the task (e.g. Journeyman Mechanic, H ₂ S alive, equipment specific (chain saw, bobcat))
ADDITIONAL ITEMS	•	Working alone checklist (CF-S-74)	•	Communication device (satellite phone, cell phone, radio, etc.)
	•	Working alone log	•	Emergency response plan
	•	Wildlife kit	•	First aid kit
	•	Task specific procedures or practices	•	Roadside survival kit
HAZARDS & CONCERNS	•	Traffic	•	Medical condition
	•	Weather	•	Violence
	•	Wildlife	•	Road conditions
	•	Mechanical failure	•	Atmospheric hazards
	•	Becoming lost	•	Cellular dead zones

Prior to working alone

- Complete Strike's working alone checklist to verify that working alone can proceed.
- Determine which check-in protocol to use (Supervisor/Dispatcher, Call center, Lone worker device).
- The worker prior to starting the job will complete a HIAC to determine hazards and appropriate controls for those hazards. The identified tasks and hazards will determine the length of time between check-ins (e.g. for field mechanic the recommended check-in frequency is one hour). Document this frequency on the lone worker checklist, HIAC form, and log.

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Working Alone Communication Procedure

- The worker will check in with either the supervisor, dispatcher, call center, etc. who will assume the duties of the designated contact person. Arrangements must be made and agreed upon and entered onto the log and working alone checklist.
- The employee will provide the designated contact person with the following information:
 - Name
 - Scope of the work
 - Contact number (cell) and vehicle unit number
 - Location of the job
 - Approximate length of the job
 - Time of the next check-in
 - Supervisor name and phone number
- The designated contact person will document the information on the working alone log and continue check-ins as required.
- The check-in procedure continues until the worker who is working alone notifies the designated contact person that the job is complete and/or they are no longer classified as working alone.

Working alone Devices (cell phone apps, GPS tracker, etc.)

- The worker must use the device as per the manufacturer's specifications.
- Each business unit will set up the device to communicate with the designated contact person as per the device's built-in protocols.

Emergency Procedures

The designated contact person will monitor for check-ins from the worker at the time indicated. If a worker does not perform this check in 5 minutes after the time of check in, the designated contact person will document the time on their working alone log and initiate the emergency procedures.

- 1. Call the overdue worker directly. Document the time
- 2. If no contact is made, call the worker's supervisor
- 3. If the supervisor cannot contact the worker:
 - a) Continue attempts to contact the overdue worker by phone, cellular phone, satellite phone or radio
 - b) Have the route driven in an attempt to trace the worker (the working alone procedure must be followed for the second worker)
 - c) Have the worksite searched in an attempt to locate the worker
 - d) Request assistance from industry workers in the area identified to initiate a search
 - e) Call local hospital(s) to establish whether an injured person has been admitted
 - f) Notify the local police or RCMP of circumstances and request assistance

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** IMPORTANT NOTE: It is always the worker's responsibility to call the designated contact person.

REFERENCES / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REGULATIONS

Alberta OHS Code - Part 28 - Working Alone

Saskatchewan OHS Regulation - Part III - General Duties

Working alone or at isolated place of employment 35

<u>British Columbia OHS Regulation - Part 4 General Conditions - Working Alone or in Isolation</u>

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STRIKE

WORKING ALONE CHECKLIST

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Customer/Representative:/ Date:									
Worksite location/directions: Unit/plate #									
Scope of Work:Length of job;									
All QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED YES TO PROCEED WITH ANY LONE WORK									
Am I qualified and trained to complete this task?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Have I assessed the hazards of the work I am going to do? (HIAC)	☐ Yes	□ No							
Have I implemented controls for each identified hazard?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Have I identified a safe work practice/procedure/manual for the work I am about to perform (Strike or Client)?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Can I perform this work safely on my own?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Have my tools and equipment been inspected and in good working condition?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Is an emergency response plan in place?									
Do I have adequate first aid supplies and emergency equipment?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Do I have an adequate communication device (i.e. satellite phone, lone worker device, cell phone, or radio)?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Have I initiated a lone worker call-in procedure as per Strike's working alone Traveling alone safe work practice?	☐ Yes	□ No							
I know who my designated contact person is?	☐ Yes	□ No							
I know their number?	☐ Yes	□ No							
I know the duration of the work planned?	☐ Yes	□ No							
I know what my check-in times are?	☐ Yes	□ No							
Worker:									
Designated contact person:Number:									
Communication □Cell Phone □2-Way Radio □CB Radio □Satellite □Land line □C Device Used:	Other:								
Check in interval? ☐ 15 min ☐ 30 min ☐ 1 hrs ☐ 2 hrs ☐	Other:								

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Name of :															
			Customer	/Client Repres	entative					Wor	rkers Superv	isor			
Contact Number:															
Customer/Client Representative Communication Devices Used: □Cell Phone □Two Way Ra					☐GPS ☐Satellite Phone			Workers Supervisor ☐ Land line ☐ Other:							
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