

WORKING IN ISOLATION AND REMOTE LOCATIONS POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of this company to ensure that we fulfil our obligations as an employer under health and safety legislation by ensuring that workers are not placed at risk to their health and safety. To achieve this, we will provide and maintain a working environment in which workers are not exposed to risks resulting from working in isolation, or in isolated or remote work locations.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We will strive to ensure that all workers engaged by this company, either as employees or contractors, are not exposed to risks to their health and safety by ensuring that adequate precautions to ensure the health and safety of persons required to work in isolation or remote locations are taken, and that appropriate means of maintaining contact with isolated workers are provided and maintained.

We will instruct workers in the precautions to be followed when working in isolated or remote workplaces, and to apply those controls at all times when working in isolation. We will assess work methods and procedures to ensure that workers are not exposed to risk when working in isolation, and ensure that workers follow recommended practices to reduce risks to health and safety when working in isolated or remote workplaces.

RESPONSIBILITIES

We will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that workers are not exposed to risks to their health and safety when working in isolation by identifying hazards which may be encountered, and implementing appropriate risk controls in consultation with workers who will be exposed to the risk. Appropriate accommodation and facilities will be provided or arranged for workers in remote areas. We will ensure that workers are fully instructed regarding the hazards and controls to be applied, and fully understand the procedures to be followed to reduce risk, including means of communication should an emergency arise.

All work operations will be scrutinised to ensure that adequate and appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment requirements are identified, and that persons are instructed in the use, care and maintenance of the equipment. Documented procedures will be developed which specify the types of hazards and risks likely to be encountered, the risk control measures that will be adopted, and the training and instruction necessary for the health and safety of the worker.

Procedures will include how regular contact is to be maintained between head office and workers working in isolation, including “call in” procedures, including the steps that will be taken should a worker fail to make contact at an appointed time, including notification of Police or emergency services if considered necessary.

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