


HAZARD / WORK ACTIVITY ASSESSED	Working Alone
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Hazard (something with the potential to cause harm)	Risk rating prior to control			Who may be harmed					Control Measures	Risk rating after control		
	Severity	Probability	Risk	Operator	Employee	Visitor	Public	Sub-cont		Severity	Probability	Risk
Lone working – risk of injury / assault while on premises alone	2	2	4		x			x	When working alone at unoccupied premises or properties where the operative has identified the works as being of a hazardous nature, then the operative must call the office at the start of the works and also at 30 minute regular intervals until the works are complete. Should contact not be made every 30mins the job coordinator will initiate contact and if this is not possible the police or fire brigade will be contacted immediately.	2	1	2
Health problems – heart attack etc	4	2	8		x			x	As above.	4	1	4
Lone working – not being able to contact someone in the event of an emergency	4	2	8		x			x	Only activities able to be carried out by a single person should be undertaken. If scope of work alters during the course of the job to necessitate extra personnel to be required contact with the office must be made immediately.	2	1	2

SAFETY METHOD STATEMENT

1. Where hazardous substances, live electrical work, work at height or near water is involved, lone working must be avoided.
2. Lone worker alarms or other means of communication will be provided. Operatives must call the office prior to works commencing and inform the job coordinator that he is working at unoccupied premises, or on properties where the works required to be undertaken are identified as being of a hazardous nature, and he will call every 30mins during the extent of the works. If premises are occupied the operative should request that the homeowner check on him at regular intervals.
3. First-aid facilities to treat minor injuries will be available during work periods.
4. Broad variety of PPE to be issued to ensure that the operative has the necessary PPE for the activity to be completed.
5. Suitable means of access will be provided which can be handled safely by one person.
6. Transient workers will be supervised on a regular basis, and management shall ensure that their whereabouts is known at all times.
7. Only experienced and trained operatives with no adverse medical history should be considered for working alone.
8. The limits of work which is permitted and the limits on the initiative of the individual must be clearly specified before work is authorised.

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Severity		Probability	Risk Rating		
1	No Injury, property damage	1	Very Unlikely	Severity X Probability = 1 to 5	Low Y – acceptable risk, work can start
2	Minor Injury	2	Unlikely		
3	+3 Day Absence	3	Likely	Severity X Probability = 6 to 14	Med Y or N – may need further consideration
4	Major Injury	4	Very Likely		
5	Death	5	Virtually Certain	Severity X Probability = 15 to 25	High N – Unacceptable risk Do not start work