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COMMON LONE WORK SITUATIONS

There are a few lone work activities and environments that can lead to dangerous situations. You need to take special precautions.

1. EMPLOYEES WHO HANDLE CASH

This includes:

- Convenience store clerks
- Retail workers
- Food service workers
- Outlet employees
- Taxi drivers

These employees are at risk of workplace violence, including threats, robberies, and other dangerous behaviour.



2. EMPLOYEES WHO TRAVEL AWAY FROM A BASE OFFICE TO MEET CLIENTS

This includes:

- Home care employees
- Social services employees
- Bylaw enforcement officers

These employees are at risk of workplace violence when interacting with new or existing clients, and are in a vulnerable position while they travel to and from their offices.



3. EMPLOYEES WHO DO HAZARDOUS WORK BUT HAVE NO ROUTINE INTERACTION WITH CUSTOMERS OR THE PUBLIC

This includes:

- Employees in the logging industry
- Employees in oil and gas industries

These employees are at risk of sudden injury and illness, due to the heightened risk associated with conducting typical job-related tasks. That's because there is no one around, either a coworker or member of the public, to assist in the event of an emergency.



4. EMPLOYEES WHO TRAVEL ALONE BUT HAVE NO ROUTINE INTERACTION WITH CUSTOMERS OR THE PUBLIC

This includes:

- Truck drivers
- Business people in transit

These employees are at risk of collisions, injuries, and sudden illnesses or emergencies. That's because there is no one around, either a coworker or member of the public, to assist in the event of an emergency.



5. EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ISOLATED FROM PUBLIC VIEW

This includes:

- Security guards
- Custodians

These employees are at risk of violent attacks by people or animals, as well as injury or sudden illness due to the nature of their work (e.g., working alone after regular business hours).



WHEN YOU KNOW THE RISKS OF WORKING ALONE, YOU CAN PREPARE FOR THEM, AND MITIGATE THE DANGER.