

## PART 4: GENERAL CONDITIONS

Online survey

### WORKING ALONE OR IN ISOLATION

<b>Definition</b>	<b>4.20.1</b>	<b>In sections 4.21 to 4.23.1, “urban area” means a town or a city with a population of more than 5 000 persons.</b>
<b>Procedures</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<p>(1) The employer must develop and implement a written procedure for checking the well-being of a worker assigned to work alone or in isolation under conditions which present a risk of disabling injury, if the worker might not be able to secure assistance in the event of injury or other misfortune.</p> <p>(2) The procedure for checking a worker's well-being must include the time interval between checks and the procedure to follow in case the worker cannot be contacted, including provisions for emergency rescue.</p> <p>(3) A person must be designated to establish contact with the worker at predetermined intervals and the results must be recorded by the person.</p> <p>(4) In addition to checks at regular intervals, a check at the end of the work shift must be done.</p> <p>(5) The procedure for checking a worker's well-being, including time intervals between the checks, must be developed in consultation with the joint committee or worker health and safety representative, as applicable.</p> <p>(6) Time intervals for checking a worker's well-being must be developed in consultation with the worker assigned to work alone or in isolation.</p>
<b>Training</b>	<b>4.22</b>	A worker required to work in the circumstances described in section 4.21(1) and any person assigned to check on the worker must be trained in the written procedure for checking the worker's well-being.
<b>Annual review</b>	<b>4.23</b>	The procedure and system for checking a worker's well-being must be reviewed at least annually, or more frequently if there is a change in work arrangements which could adversely affect a worker's well-being or a report that the system is not working effectively.
<b>Mandatory pre-payment at service stations</b>	<b>4.23.1</b>	<b>An employer must require that customers prepay for petroleum products sold in service stations in urban areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.</b>

### Explanatory Note

Under the *Local Government Act*, municipalities with populations greater than 5,000 must be incorporated as a city. The Oxford English Dictionary 10<sup>th</sup> Edition defines “urban” as “relating to a town or city”. Those two definitions were combined to define “urban area” as it applies in sections 4.21 to 4.23.1.

Proposed new section 4.23.1 is intended to require employers to require mandatory prepayment for petroleum products sold in service stations in urban areas between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR PART 4: GENERAL CONDITIONS  
IN THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATION

Prepayment options that would be acceptable under proposed new section 4.23.1 include:

- Payment at the petroleum pump by either debit or credit card; or
- Pre-payment for petroleum products to the service station attendant; or
- Payment by card-lock system which is typically used by the commercial trucking industry.

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