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To Whom It May Concern:

Our union, which represents 29,000 workers who work in the Private sector, is writing to you in support of the B.C. Federation Of Labour's submission on the current proposed changes to the **OH&S Regulation**.

We urge the Board of Directors to implement the recommendations as outlined in the Federation submission. We are pleased that the WCB is moving in the direction of providing workers with greater protection. Implementing the Federations' recommendations as well as enforcing the regulations will ensure that more workers will return home safe and healthy at the end of the day.

Yours truly,

Ivan H. Limpricht
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cc UFCW Local 1518 Executive Board
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Part 3: Rights and Responsibilities, relating to occupational first aid

1. Name: Larry Stoffman

(a) Feedback is provided: on behalf of

Organization: United Food and Commercial Workers Union Job Title: Dir. OH&S

(b) Feedback is provided: from a worker's perspective

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3. Feedback:

Section #:3.16 1.1. and 3.16 (2); 3.17

Comments:

Bringing back this regulation after removing it for clearly political purposes (regulation count reduction to please the Minister of Deregulation), is long overdue.

We have three important additional recommendations:

-Require that dressing stations be rooms solely used for that purpose. In many of our supermarket locations they have been using warehouse back areas, with no water etc. which are also used to detain shoplifters. there have been both violent incidents and issues of inaccessibility as a result. Worksafe has refused to assist us in these cases.

- require mixed premises (low hazard, and medium hazard) be assessed as the higher risk. Our workplaces consist of food processing, warehousing, meatcutting, and retail sales. Only the retail sales could be classified as low hazard, yet they have been allowed to misclassify the entire operation as such. We have serious cuts and traumatic injury regularly in the food processing, meat and fish cutting, industrial baking, and warehousing operations, yet only level 1 first aid coverage is supplied.

-require that all employers make available approved transportation or use of ambulance when medical aid is required. We have had employees have to call on friends in the middle of the night to get a car to take them to hospital, after the employer would not approve an ambulance. The latest was a serious concussive injury.

4. Please indicate your level of support of the proposed amendments:generally agree
5. If you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments, please provide reason(s):

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Part 4: General Conditions, relating to working alone or in isolation

1. Name: United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1518

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Section #:4.20 definition Working Alone

Comments: Please add this comment to my previous submission on this topic:

Change definbiton to :where assistance may not be immediately avaiable

a)in the event of a potential emergency, hazardous situation, or threat of violence

Rationale: many employers consider calling via telepohe or intercom for assitance as being suffiecent. it is not, as violent events or hazardous exposures may occur in an instant. We haver many examples of knife threats or hzardous overexposures where workers were working alone and unabable to access assistance form another workplace department in time.

5. If you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments, please provide reason(s):

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Comments:please add this comment to our earlier submission