In accordance with the requirements of the Management of Health and Safety at Work regulations 1999, you must complete a risk assessment to identify any risks arising from lone working, and introduce appropriate precautions to eliminate or control any significant risks identified. If you have 5 or more employees you must record the significant findings of the risk assessment.

Factors to be considered as part of the risk assessment should include

- The risk of violence
- Any increased risks to women and young persons
- Pre-existing medical conditions which might place a lone worker at increased risk
- Workplace hazards, such as the use and handling of work equipment which normally requires more than one person to operate safely.

Suitable precautions might include

- Supervisors periodically visiting and observing lone workers
- Regular contact with the lone worker by telephone or radio
- The provision of automatic warning devices which operate in the event that communications with lone workers fail or in the absence of lone worker activity
- Checks that a lone worker has safely reached his or her final destination.
Further information

Further health and safety information on lone working is available in the HSE leaflet 'Working alone - Health and safety guidance on the risks of lone working' INDG73 (rev 3) from www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg73.pdf.

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