

Working in Isolation and Remote Areas

Principal Hazard Standard (Template)

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EHSQ Management Systems

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard is to ensure the safety, health and security of individuals or small teams who, as part of their job, will be required to work in an area where normal means of contact with other individuals is not generally available. This may involve working in an isolated area, on or off-site, either during or outside normal working hours or where direct eye contact or verbal communication with others is not possible due to infrastructure, physical distance or the nature of the work being undertaken. Under these circumstances, the potential risk of any existing hazard/s is increased to an extent where extra precautions need to be taken.

2.0 SCOPE

This Principal Hazard Standard applies to all <Insert Company Name> controlled sites, its joint venture operations, employees, contractors and visitors and is subject to the requirements of other <Insert Company Name> HSE Standards and applicable health and safety legislation.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Appointed person	As defined in the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994
Authorised	Permission granted by the relevant Manager or nominee to carry out specific tasks.
Competent Person	A person who has, through a combination of training, qualification and experience, acquired knowledge, skills and authority enabling that person to correctly perform a specified task.
Contractor	A firm or individual engaged by a principle employer (<Insert Company Name>) to complete works on their behalf.
Emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB)	An EPIRB device emits a signal on a pre-set emergency frequency that is constantly monitored at a central location, allowing the EPIRB location to be accurately plotted by a satellite global positioning system to aid in rescue.
Remote Locations:	A work site considered remote due to distance, terrain, access, time, reduced communication; and/or where there are few people or limited emergency response capacities. Responsibility for identifying a location as “remote” rests with the accountable manager
Schedule or “Scheds”	Systematic contact between the individual working in isolation or in a remote/isolated location and a nominated representative at pre-determined intervals, commensurate with the various hazards involved and as defined within the risk assessment
Working in isolation	Working in an area where normal means of contact with another individual is not generally available, so that the potential risk of any existing hazard/s is increased to an extent where extra precautions need to be taken. This may involve working in an isolated area, on or off-site, either during or outside normal working hours. This includes an environment where direct eye contact or verbal communication with others is not possible due to infrastructure, physical distance or the nature of the work being undertaken.

4.0 ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Accountable Managers are responsible for communicating the requirements of this standard to their teams and for ensuring compliance with the Standard.