



# SAFETY TALK

## Working in remote areas

Working in remote areas presents a wide-ranging and unique set of safety concerns that may not be present in urban or rural environments.

### What's the danger?

Hazards and concerns include:

- Working alone or in isolation preventing immediate medical aid
- Communication concerns between workers or emergency services in poor cellular service areas
- Rough terrain creating driving hazards and worker transportation issues in an emergency
- Biological hazards such as wildlife, plant life and insects that can cause harm to workers
- Severe weather conditions impacting work processes and evacuation concerns
- Lack of worker knowledge in emergency preparedness and response

### Protect yourself

- Review the company working alone plan
- Establish effective communication system between workers (radio, cellular, GPS, sat phone)
- Ensure workers are trained on use of all-terrain vehicles and driving in rough terrain
- Be aware of what wildlife, plant life, and insects are in the work area and take necessary precautions
- Be prepared for changes in weather conditions and severe weather (spare clothes, bottled water, etc.)
- Ensure workers are trained in first-aid/CPR and carry necessary kits
- Have an effective emergency response and evacuation procedure in place for a variety of situations and conduct drills

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Concerns:**

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**Corrective Actions:**

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**Employee Name:**

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**Employee Signature:**

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