

Work in remote or isolated farming locations – Safety Responsibilities

When working alone is unavoidable, preparation is essential for safety. Workers may be isolated for short periods or extended stays in remote areas. As a duty holder, you must ensure regular check-ins with anyone performing remote or isolated work.

Before starting remote or solo work, consider the following:

Communication Procedures

- How will the worker call for help?
- Will communication systems work in all conditions?
- If systems are vehicle-based, what's the backup when away from the vehicle?
- Who will check in with the remote worker and how often?
- What is the emergency plan if the worker cannot be contacted?

Worker Capability

- Does the worker have the training and experience to assess and manage risks?

Job Duration

- How long will the task take? Is it reasonable for one person?

Equipment and Vehicle Reliability

- What's the plan if equipment fails or assistance is needed?

Medical Preparedness

- Is there a known medical condition that increases risk?
- Who can provide first aid or CPR nearby?
- Can emergency services access the location?
- Is there a fully stocked first aid kit and emergency water supply?

High-Risk Work

- Does the task involve hazards like working at heights, electricity, chemicals, or high risk machinery?

Fatigue Management

- Could long hours or travel increase the risk of incidents?

Environmental Hazards

- Are there risks from extreme temperatures or wildlife?

Ensure all safety measures are in place before work begins. Your preparation can make the difference in an emergency.