

**STANDARDS PRESENTATION
TO
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

PROPOSED STATE STANDARD,
TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4

Amend Section §1504 as follows:

§1504. Definitions.

Wall opening. A gap or void 30 inches or more high and 18 inches or more wide, in a wall or partition, through which employees can fall to a lower level.

Working alone. The performance of any work function by a worker who is the only worker for that employer at that workplace at any time or is not directly supervised by the employer, or another person designated as a supervisor by the employer, at any time.

Working in isolation. Work under circumstances where assistance is not readily available in the event of injury, ill health or emergency.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.

Add new Section §1511.1 as follows:

§1511.1. Working Alone.

(a) When employees are assigned to work alone, the employer shall monitor or account for employees at regular intervals to discover and direct aid to employees who have become incapacitated or non-responsive. The employer shall account for each employee:

(1) Throughout each work shift at regular intervals to ensure employee's safety and health based on the hazards identified under 1511(b); and

(2) At the end of the job assignment or at the end of the work shift, whichever occurs first.

(b) Where means of electronic communication are unreliable or unavailable, the employer shall account for each employee by sight or verbal communication.

Exception: Service providers on a job site not engaged in construction activity.

(c) Employees working in isolation and who are both out of the range of natural unassisted voice communication and not under observation by other persons, shall be provided with an effective means of obtaining assistance in an emergency.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code.