

Working Alone In An Office

Protection for People Working Alone in an Office

Lone working is very common in many job roles and industries. This means that employees could face potentially risky situations with nobody around to help.

These dangers could be associated with accidents due to working at height or with hazardous equipment and materials. Alternatively, dangers could be posed by meeting strangers alone, in non public locations e.g. in their home or in an office. Employees of small businesses for example, may spend large portions of time working alone in an office.

It is important to remember that although employees may not be in a traditionally high risk role as with other jobs, there are still dangers to working alone in office settings. If an accident or injury should occur whilst alone, it is more difficult to summon help. The risk is further heightened if the employee is working alone, but members of the public are still able to access the office. As an employer, you have a duty of care to your employees. With this in mind, our lone worker solutions from the WorkSafe range, help to reduce risk and show continued dedication to the wellbeing of employees.

Low / Medium Risk

Employees required to frequently work alone in offices, will find themselves under this category in terms of risk level. The main risks involved in office work would be suffering an injury with no means to request help and potential dangers due to dealings with members of the public. To aid in combating this, the WorkSafe app allows employees a number of features, all designed to help improve their safety. The lone worker

alarm app, means that an employees location can be monitored at all times, the user is also able to alert a designated contact through the app should they feel in danger. In addition to this, a time sensitive alert trigger, will notify the predetermined contact if they have not checked in within a specified time-frame.

Medium / High Risk

Medium and high risk workers, tend to be employees who consistently deal with members of the public in isolated locations e.g. social workers, estate agents, retail workers in late night off licenses etc. For employees within these sectors, WorkSafe offers a wearable button alarm that allows the wearer to discreetly call for help should they find themselves in an emergency situation. An SOS button can be used alongside the lone worker safety app, allowing consistent monitoring, time sensitive alert triggers and a direct line to assistance.

Fall / Injury Risk

Although the risk of falling or injuries occurring at work are high for those working in hazardous conditions i.e. at height, with hazardous materials or mechanical equipment, lone office workers are not without risk. Accidents, such as falls, can still occur regardless of the role. A fall may render the employee unconscious or unable to move making it impossible to call for help. A lone worker safety device could be the answer. Within our WorkSafe range, we offer personal alarms for lone workers with automatic fall detection included. The safety device is able to detect fall like movements or prolonged periods of stillness which suggest a fall. Once detected, the device will alert a designated contact so that help can be summoned to the employees location.

Tools for Improving Lone Office Worker Safety

There are many reasons why employees may be working alone in an office. They may be working overtime in order to meet deadlines, they may have working hours that involve them being the last person to leave the office or they may simply be a member of a very small business. Whatever the reason, as an employer you are required to do everything in your power to ensure adequate safety and protection of your employees, during working hours.

Wearable lone worker devices are effective solutions for those working alone in an office. The WorkSafe wearable button provides a simple and convenient way for lone workers to raise the alarm if they feel they are in any kind of danger. Personal alarm buttons have an advantage over traditional methods of communication such as the phone, when it comes to requesting assistance. If an incident occurs when workers are moving from room to room, they may not have access to a phone. A wearable lone worker device such as this can be worn with ease and allows the wearer peace of mind, no matter their location.

Another popular option for lone workers is a lone worker personal fall alarm. As the name suggests, this style of alarm is ideal in the event of falls and accidents. If an employee is working alone in an office and suffers a fall or other accident, they may be in a situation where they are unable to call for help with nobody else around to call for them. With a lone worker alarm, employees can benefit from automatic fall detection, raising the alarm without the need to even press a button.

Lone worker devices can prove highly effective in providing both you and your employees peace of mind.

Choosing the Right Solutions for Your Lone Workers

With a variety of different solutions available for employees working alone in offices, it can become confusing for employers to decide which ones to invest in. At SureSafe Alarms, we offer high-quality solutions as part of our WorkSafe range, so finding the right solution for your business is simple and convenient.

For more information on lone worker safety solutions, get in touch with our team of experts. We take the time to discuss your specific needs and requirements in further detail, offering expert advice on the most suitable lone worker option for you and your employees.