



Lone Working Policy Statement 2020

Lone Working

As a general rule Mattison Scaffolding Ltd do NOT permit Lone Working. Working alone is not in itself against the law but the law does require very careful consideration of any health and safety risks for people working alone.

In the event of Lone Working:

Mattison Scaffolding Ltd are aware of the additional risks involved when lone workers carry out their duties and will implement such safe working procedure to ensure that they not incur more risk than other employees.

To identify the significant risks involved in lone working, responsible managers will carry out a Risk assessment using the below factors as a minimum;

- Does the workplace present significant risks to the lone worker?
- Is access and egress suitable for the lone worker, including provision of temporary access equipment?
- Can plant, substances and materials be handled by one person?
- Are there personal risks such as violence?
- Is the lone worker medically fit and suitable for the work?
- Is additional training required for the lone worker?
- How will the person be supervised?
- What communication procedures are in place for emergencies such as the worker becoming ill or having an accident?

Mattison Scaffolding Ltd will also ensure that lone workers should not be subjected to high-risk activities due to their vulnerability and lack of assistance in the event of emergencies.

The following circumstances will not involve lone workers:

- High level works where provisions must be in place to protect persons from falling;
- Heavy or awkward manual handling operations;
- Hazardous substances which could asphyxiate persons;
- Confined spaces where access and egress is limited and there is the potential of an environment becoming hazardous, i.e., manholes and tanks;
- Any Permit to Work where special safety controls are required;
- Working in high risk areas where attacks on persons frequently occur;
- Roadworks or pedestrian areas.

A signed statement of the Company Policy is available and issued to all who request it.