

ASCHA 2017 Resolution 2

Working Alone

WHEREAS the Alberta Government created a Working Alone Regulation to address the public's concern for the safety of employees who work alone in 2000;

WHEREAS the requirements for working alone have since then been consolidated into the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Code as Part 28;

WHEREAS the issue of employees working alone has previously been identified and discussed as a serious concern by Housing Management Bodies and Supportive Living Providers who operate lodges and/or supportive living;

WHEREAS the issue of employees working alone in a lodge or supportive living environment is unique and not specifically addressed in OHS Part 28;

WHEREAS an employee had a critical health situation while working alone at night that left that employee and all the residents at significant risk;

WHEREAS all discussions or advocacy efforts in this regard have not resulted in a solution or additional funding to assist with solving this concern;

WHEREAS it is critical for housing providers to ensure a safe and secure environment for employees and residents; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASCHA urge the Government of Alberta, particularly the Minister of Seniors and Housing and Alberta Labor, to work with ASCHA and all key stakeholders in creating a solution to ensure the safety of employees and residents in seniors lodges and/or supportive living while working alone.

Submitted by the Board of Directors of Homeland Housing
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and Westlock Foundation, which took effect on January 1, 2017.*

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