

Nova Scotia Landowner Forest Fiber Producer Association (NSLFFPA)

NSLFFPA is committed to maintain conformance with the Provincial forest code of practice as outlined in The Forest Professional (Fifth Edition):

“A periodic visual check must be made of any employee working under hazardous conditions who might not be able to get immediate help in the case of an injury. Checks will be made at intervals that are adequate for safety and that the employer and employee agree are practicable. If visual checks cannot be made, other effective measures should be taken for securing help in the event of an emergency. The measures selected will depend on the hazard and the location of the work.”

However, NSLFFPA recognizes that this is not always practical. All reasonable attempts should be made to avoid the situation, but where it is not possible a working alone procedure must be in place.

POLICY ON WORKING ALONE

The following guideline will be used by NSLFFPA employees, woodlot owners and contractors:

1. Whenever practical, power saw operators should not work alone. Another worker should be in the same operating area and within hearing distance of the worker's voice or other signalling device (e.g. whistle, walkie-talkie, etc).
2. Anyone who must work alone on a member woodlot is responsible to have procedures in place which include:
 - Working alone Procedure shall be written and signed by the worker and the designated contact person.
 - Detail of the procedure to follow in working alone situations shall include:
 - Detail of beginning and end of working alone condition
 - Have a functioning communications device and specific times or intervals (3 hours or less depending on hazard) for employee contact
 - Detail of who shall establish contact and when
 - Procedure to follow if contact can not be established
 - Procedure regarding emergency rescue
3. **Working alone is prohibited, whenever not in compliance with items listed above.**