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## Lone-Working Protocol

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EP Ecology recognises that the nature of our discipline often lends itself to lone-working. As lone-working carries a high risk, the following protocol has been developed and implemented.

All staff and contractors working for and on behalf of EP Ecology on site alone must:

- Text their nominated office contact as they depart for site;
- Text their nominated office contact upon arrival at site;
- Text their nominated office contact upon departure from site; and
- Text their nominated office contact upon arrival at home.

Nominated office contact will be notified to staff with their survey package; the default for EP Ecology staff will be to text the EP Ecology WhatsApp group; and the default for EP Ecology contractors will be Erik Paterson.

We recognise that there are areas where mobile signal is poor and on-site/off-site texts may not be suitable. We are working to improve this system as required.

Erik Paterson,  
Director,  
**EP Ecology Ltd.**

**Date of review:** 09 January 2023

**Date of next review:** on or before 31 January 2024.