**Working Alone or in Isolation**

**In Materials Engineering we have responded to the legislation as follows:**

• The supervisor does a risk assessment to determine hazards associated with the activities in the lab or shop. A record of this should be kept by the supervisor.

• Where serious hazards that are potentially life-threatening or debilitating are identified, these activities may not be performed by anyone working alone.

• A written policy that documents the activities not permitted while working alone is posted and communicated to all new personnel.

• The obvious solution for anyone wanting to perform restricted activities is to have someone else present.

• Working alone performing a hazardous activity is permitted under law, so long as a documented call-in system is put in place. The Risk Management document found via the link below specifies the procedure. This procedure is involved, requires careful recordkeeping and documentation and training. See rms.ubc.ca and search “working alone” for more information