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### 8. Do I need to be onsite to refuse unsafe work?

Yes, so that you can participate in the steps for investigating and resolving the work refusal.

## 9. How long should it take to resolve a refusal of unsafe work?

A report of unsafe work, and the refusal of unsafe work, must be immediately investigated, and some work refusals can be resolved right away. The time needed to investigate and resolve a work refusal may depend on the nature of the hazard, and whether the worker and employer can agree on how to solve the problem.

### 10. If WorkSafeBC determines there is no undue hazard, do I need to return to work?

The protection afforded by WorkSafeBC under The Regulation ends with the decision made by a WorkSafeBC Officer. Not returning to work would not be covered under the right to refuse unsafe work process.

# 11. Are workers required to follow safe work procedures?

Yes, workers are required to follow established safe work procedures. Where a worker believes a safe work procedure does not address the hazards, they must report to their supervisor or employer as soon as possible.

### 12. Can more than one worker refuse unsafe work at the same time?

Yes, however the procedure for refusing unsafe work generally works best when each worker makes their

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16. Can an undue hazard exist when working with a student?

Yes, an undue hazard could exist when working with a stwoterkth late/Wes916 Tf1 0 0 1 36 712.08 Tm0 0.141 0.365 g0 0

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