



LONE WORKING POLICY

On occasions, members working on costumes, props or scenery may find themselves alone in our depot at Heather Farm.

To minimise the risk of accidents or misadventure to anyone working alone, WAOS advises members to take the following advice:

- Before going to the Heather Farm Depot, notify a household or family member, or friend, that you are going to the depot on your own.
- Advise them of the expected duration of your visit and tell them you will contact them again once you have returned.
- Tell them that you are giving them this information as a safety precaution, in case of an accident befalling you while you are working alone.
- Ensure that you have your mobile phone with you, but remember that signal availability is very poor. A better signal can usually be obtained outside the entrance to the depot, away from the building.
- When arriving at the site, park your car adjacent to the WAOS depot, so that others working on the extended site are more likely to be aware of your presence.
- As far as is possible, limit the activities that involve risk to your personal safety whilst working alone (e.g. use of ladders, cutting tools, caustic substances) saving them for another time when you are accompanied.
- On your return from the depot, remember to notify your family member or friend of your safe return.