



Mandatory fuel prepayment in British Columbia effective February 1, 2008

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On October 4, 2007, WorkPlaceBC, of the British Columbia government, announced amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Regulation to improve health and safety for individuals working alone or in isolation. The amendments will require mandatory pre-payment at gas stations throughout the province and introduce new requirements to protect workers working alone.

The amendments formally acknowledge the potential for violence and injury facing individuals who work alone, particularly those in late-night retail establishments such as gas stations and convenience stores, and provide positive steps toward addressing these dangers and protecting vulnerable workers.

It's important to note that one requirement in particular - the mandatory prepayment requirement which became known as "Grant's Law" - was initiated following the tragic death of Grant DePatie, a young worker who was killed when trying to prevent a "gas and dash" robbery while working alone late at night at a Maple Ridge, British Columbia gas station in 2005.

The new requirements will be effective February 1, 2008 and include mandatory prepayment of fuel. Under the amended regulations, customers must prepay for fuel sold in gas stations and other retail fuelling outlets throughout British Columbia, 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

PHH is aware of the all requirements under Grant's Law and the PHH card program will be in complete compliance with all requirements. While prepayment inside the kiosk is currently available, PHH is working with fuel suppliers to create more convenient solutions for drivers and secure transaction processes.

PHH will keep you informed of future developments as available. Should you have any questions, please contact your PHH account team.