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The Environment

• Isolated and Remote communities
• Nurses working independently in often confronting situations
  ➢ Attending call outs on their own
  ➢ One nurse posts
• Complex staff and community relationship
• Nursing staff lack of remote experience
• Poor organisational support
• Nurses knowledge deficit about the community in which they live and work
• Lack of police support
Hazards Contributing to an Unsafe Environment
Risk Mitigation

• Orientation
• Focus on community practices and policies (cultural safety) therefore better engagement with community
• Safety aggression minimisation and de escalation training procedures
• Improved on call preparation
  ➢ Documentation of risk assessment
  ➢ Completion of mandatory on call orientation learning package
  ➢ Working with a second responder
• Levering technology to assist in work space and to mitigate isolation
  ➢ Internet in home,
  ➢ Online medical records
  ➢ Vehicle and personal safety
‘Safety goes beyond the merely technical or passing on of information and includes systems and resources that require the input of employers and nurses alike’

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