On the Move: Employment-Related Geographical Mobility in Canada and Beyond

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- Designate responsibility for mobile workers within one (or more) role(s) in the organization.
  - To address the unique challenges mobile workers face, clear accountability for this segment of the workforce should be established.

- Analyse current HR/LR policies and practices through the lens of mobile work (similar to gender-based analysis).
  - Consider the different types of mobile work in the organization, as concerns may differ between different types of mobile employees (e.g., those who live in work camps and fly-in-fly-out versus those who travel from client to client in their own cars versus those who work in a mobile workplace such as a ship).
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- Where possible consider proactive policies and practices to manage mobile workers.
- Reactive policies and practices deal with negative employee and organizational outcomes; proactive policies have the possibility to prevent the negative outcomes from occurring in the first place.
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- Collect information/data from mobile workers about the challenges they face and potential solutions to those challenges.

- Consider addressing issues related to:
  - Travel time
  - Weather challenges
  - Scheduling
  - Well-being
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