

RISK ASSESSMENT



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – On Construction Sites (Principal Contractor)

To be read in conjunction with Government Guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

This risk assessment is for all persons to ensure compliance with Government guidance for Site Operating Procedures during the current Pandemic.

Client	
Contract	
Location	
Guidance	Make this assessment project/task specific and sign final page. The risk assessment should be reviewed per project, as a minimum and if working practice, equipment or personnel have significant changes. The risk assessment must be reviewed in line with risk assessment guidance
	Job No/Reference

INITIAL RISK RATING										PEOPLE AFFECTED				
PROBABILITY	Very Frequent		Frequent		Occasional	✓	Rare		Very Rare		INVOLVED IN ACTIVITY	CLOSE TO ACTIVITY	EVERYONE ON SITE	MEMBERS OF PUBLIC
SEVERITY	Fatal	✓	Major		Moderate		Minor		Insignificant					
ASSESSMENT	HIGH RISK													
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Someone infected entering the work area – Symptoms of the coronavirus										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Someone becoming ill in the workplace										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Working in close proximity to other operatives and trades										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vulnerable operatives										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Travel to site										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Welfare facilities including Drying rooms, Hand washing & Toilets, canteens etc										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Site Access Points										✓	✓	✓	✓	

STANDARD CONTROL MEASURES	ACTION BY
Posters and guidance must be displayed informing of symptoms that would highlight that someone may be suffering with coronavirus.	Site/Project Manager/ Supervisor
The importance of coronavirus will be discussed with employees and all hygiene measures that must be adopted made clear. Carry out tool box talk/daily briefing and co-ordinate work to minimise trades being within 2m on one another.	Site/Project Manager
Ensure all persons presenting for work are in good health	Site Manager
Only those required must be within the working area.	Operative
Regular communication will be made with line managers and employees. Avoid meetings or gathering where possible carry this out via phone calls etc (avoid sharing phones). Where this cannot be avoided meetings should only be attended by essential person only and consider conducting meetings in open areas where possible applying distancing criteria at all times.	Site/Project Manager
Government guidance must be adhered to and the company must regularly check for government updates.	Project/Site Manager
Any operative displaying symptoms must not attend work and inform the employees that they are working with and contact their line manager immediately. If an operative begins to feel unwell whilst at work, they should stop working and contact their line manager immediately.	Operative
If an operative is identified as being within the 'high risk' category they must inform their line manager immediately and stay at home.	Operative
Avoid contact with others, i.e no hand shaking, sharing of tools, limit the working area to as few operatives as possible, do not work in close proximity to other trades as far as possible.	Operative
Hands should be washed as frequently as possible and this should last for at least 20 seconds	Operative

REFER TO NEXT PAGE FOR SITE SPECIFIC HAZARD - RESIDUAL RISK - SIGN OFF - INDUCTION RECORDS

Adequate provisions with hot and cold running water and soap should be made available	Site Manager
Welfare facilities should be segregated or controlled in line with current segregation guidance (no more than two at a time within a toilet or drying room. Stagger breaks and maintain social distancing within canteens). Regularly cleaned/in good order and cleaning supplies are well stocked – review whether break times need to be staggered	Site Manager
Enforce 2m safe distance – especially at site entrances, walkways, stairs and corridors	Site Manager
Report any incidents of people showing fresh symptoms of Covid-19 to Management ASAP	ALL
Anyone who meets the following criteria should not come to work:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a high temperature • A vulnerable person (by virtue of their age, underlying health condition, clinical condition or are pregnant) • Living with someone in self-isolation or a vulnerable person 	Site Management Team
If anyone on site develops symptoms:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They should advise their supervisor and return home immediately • Ensure they avoid the office/site and touching anything • The affected person should only cough or sneeze into a tissue and put it immediately in a bin, or if you do not have tissues, cough and sneeze in the crook of your elbow. • Those who show symptoms and have travelled by public transport should be reminded to try and sit/stand 2m from other passengers. • Where symptoms are displayed, arrange for any areas to be cleaned and ensure waste procedures are followed. 	All
Observe social distancing requirements of 2m to travel to site in all vehicles	
Encourage other means of transport to avoid public transport such as a personal vehicle e.g. car, van, cycling	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to site – Government Guidelines for travel are: Do not travel if you are unwell Try to observe social distancing however you travel Try and travel off peak if you are using public transport 	
The Construction Leadership Council states:	
If workers have no option but to share transport:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journeys should be shared with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time • Good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and facing away from each other may help to reduce the risk of transmission • The vehicle should be cleaned regularly using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other areas where passengers may touch surfaces 	All
Workers should have a letter of authorisation from their employer advising travel is essential.	
Stagger start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact	
Promote the washing and cleaning of hands with soap and water/sanitiser before exiting the welfare facility	
Ensure good housekeeping and good order	
Keep suitable stocks of cleaning products or tissues (remember stocks are low in the current climate) orders may need to be placed in advance	Site Management Team/All
Be mindful of others using the welfare facilities and promote the 2m distance rule	
Ensure waste bins are available and are regularly emptied throughout the day	
Provide and promote use of sanitiser / soap and water before entering and leaving site	
Enforce sign in / sign out (anti-bacterial gel application or handwashing is to be carried out after signing in)	
Ensure site entrance access to site is controlled so that operatives can keep a minimum of 2m distance from the next person.	
Ensure operatives do not congregate around entrances -2m distance should be provided	
Ensure pedestrian routes and entrances are in good order and again keeping a minimum of 2m distance from the next person	Site Management Team/All
Stairs– avoid passing others on stairs. If this is unavoidable pass back to back on a landing. Always leave 2m distance from others if following someone up the stairs, consider one stair well to ascend and another to descend as part of one-way routes	
Crossing points & corridors –Enforce 2m distances and do not allow operatives to congregate in corridors	
Provide passing points where possible on pedestrian routes or encourage operatives to be polite, wait and allow space to pass safely (if 2m distance cannot be maintained, pass back to back)	

Arrange for the cleaner to regularly clean the welfare especially during staggered breaks
 Cleaners should regularly clean door handles, toilet flush and other shared common surfaces
 Enforce welfare facilities as the only permitted areas on site where food and drink should be consumed to reduce food waste and contamination.
 Operatives can choose to eat in their own vehicle, maintaining a 2m social distancing from others
 Stagger break times to reduce congestion and contact
 Encourage operatives to bring pre-prepared meals and refillable drinking bottles from home
 Enforce operatives to sit 2 metres apart from each other whilst eating and avoid all contact with others
 Use disposable utensils or operatives' own utensils is recommended and these should not be shared.
 Waste bags should be disposed of safely
 Reduce handling of materials and ensure use of mechanical means where possible or other equipment to assist
 Work requiring skin to skin contact should not be carried out
 Re-usable PPE should be thoroughly cleaned after use and not shared with others
 Single use PPE should be disposed of so that it cannot be reused
 Delivery drivers should remain in their vehicle where possible. If the load is moved by hand ensure they wash or clean their hands before uploading goods & materials
 If it becomes apparent the 2m distance between trades etc cannot be adhered to- stop work, maintain a safe distance and review

Site Management Team/All

P.P.E. TASK RELATED		Note: Site rules may require some PPE to be worn at all times ✓ Must be worn R Use is recommended				
Hard Hat – BS EN 397	✓	High-vis – BS EN 20471	✓	Eye Protection – BS EN 166	Gloves – BS EN 388 - suitable for the specific task/Disposable gloves	R
Safety Boots – BS EN 20345	✓	Face fitted FFP3 Mask – BS EN 149		Impact Resistant Eye Protection	Waterproofs	
Wellingtons with steel toe cap – BS EN 345		Ear Defenders – BS EN 352		Overalls	Other as specified by control measures	✓
Sites should not use RPE for Coronavirus (Covid-19) where the two metre social distancing guidelines are met						

SITE SPECIFIC HAZARDS	ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES
Coronavirus/Potential Exposure to be carried out by the cleaner:	Cleaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people If an area can be kept closed and secure for 72 hours, wait until this time has passed for cleaning as the amount of virus living on surfaces will have reduced significantly by 72 hours Wherever possible, wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cleaning. These should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible body fluids, from a person with coronavirus (COVID-19), consider using protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and an apron Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning Waste Management: Waste from possible Covid-19 cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been (including disposable cloths and tissues): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied. It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known. Waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. You should not put your waste in communal waste areas until negative test results are known, or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours. if the individual tests negative, this can be put in with the normal waste if the individual tests positive, then store it for at least 72 hours and put in with the normal waste If storage for at least 72 hours is not appropriate, arrange for collection as a Category B infectious waste either by your local waste collection

