

Risk assessment name	Covid Secure Risk Assessment - Office Spaces	Assessment type	G eneral	
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Description

It should be noted that wherever possible people should still be encouraged to work from home.

This risk assessment sets out the controls that will be in place for the workplace and work activities in order to reduce the risk of the transmission of the Covid-19 virus and demonstrate that the organisation is Covid-Secure.

Hazard

Who could be harmed and how?

Existing controls



1. Cleaning To Reduce Transmission Of Covid-19 - Risk of exposure to Covid-19 whilst cleaning work areas. All staff

Cleaners

How?
Cleaning areas
where Covid-19
may be present
may lead to
exposure to the
virus. Howeverthe cleaning of
all areas
correctly will
reduce the risk
of transmission
overall.



Appropriate Disinfectant Products Used In Line With COSHH Assessment.

Appropriate disinfectant to be used in line with the COSHH assessment - this will be communicated to staff.

The product will be used in line with instructions for use and dilution rates and appropriate PPE provided and worn where indicated.

Disposable cloths will be used where possible to reduce transmission.



Cleaning Of Premises Before Work Commences

Assessment of cleaning requirements will be carried out prior to premises opening and appropriate cleaning will take place.



Correct Guidance On Cleaning Will Be Followed For Cleaning Areas Of Higher Risk

Based on current Government Guidance for Nonclinical Settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings

This includes the use of additional PPE (gloves, aprons, eye protection, mask) and items double-bagged and labelled - stored securely for 72 hours before disposal.



Increased Cleaning Frequency Of Cleaning Throughout Premises

Increased cleaning regime in place throughout premises.

Particular focus on commonly touched areas, equipment, surfaces and common shared areas.



Workspaces Will Be Cleared Of Waste Frequently

Personal items removed at end of shift and increased waste collection in place.

Who could be harmed and Hazard how? All staff. Contractors, Members of the public 2. Hygiene Visitors Control Poor hand How? hygiene and Increased risk respiratory of surfaces hygiene becoming control may contaminated lead to an with pathogens increase in including surface Covid-19 contamination. leading to spread of infection.

and Existing controls



Employees Advised To Wash Clothing After Work

Unless assessment of other risks deems necessaryemployees will change clothing at home not at work in changing rooms and will be advised to launder clothes as soon as possible in the event of any contamination of clothing.



Increased Hand Washing Facilities Provided

Increased hand washing facilities provided throughout the workplace including at entrances, exits, different parts of the building and common areas.

Where this is not possible sanitiser will be provided.



Increased Waste Management

Additional waste facilities will be available throughout the site with more frequent collection where appropriate.



Signs And Posters In Use To Remind To Practice Good Hygiene

Relevant posters and signs displayed to remind employees of the need to wash hands for at least 20 minutes on a frequent basis.

Also signs to remind employees to practice good respiratory hygiene - catching of coughing and sneezes and correct disposal of tissues followed by hand washing.



Use Of Face Coverings

If employees choose to wear face coverings then they will be supported in the workplace.

Face coverings are not classed as PPE. Advice will be given to employees on the correct use.

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face-covering on, and after removing it.
- When wearing a face covering, avoid touching your face or face covering, as you could contaminate them with germs from your hands.
- Change your face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it.
- Continue to wash your hands regularly.
- Change and wash your face covering daily.
- If the material is washable, wash in line with manufacturer's instructions.
- If it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in your usual waste.

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Who could be harmed and how?

All staff.

public

Visitors

How?

same household

risk of

virus.

Where more than 1 person

attends work

not from the

increases the

transmission of

the Covid-19

Contractors,

Members of the

Existing controls



Controlled Movement Of People Throughout Workplace

Use of one way systems, separate entrances and exits to reduce the number of people at cross over areas and pinch points.

Monitoring and regulation of higher traffic areas such as corridors, entrances and stairwells.

Use of signs and markings to indicate the direction of movement and 2m distances in place where appropriate.



Emergency Plans Updated And Communicated

People do not have to adhere to the 2m social distancing where there is an emergency such as fire, an accident or a security threat or break in and the risk to safety is imminent.

Those assisting others in emergencies should ensure they carry out stringent hygiene control afterwards including thorough handwashing.



Employee Will Work From Home Wherever Possible

Only businesscritical roles will be permitted into the workplace where remote working is not possible for operational reasons or home circumstances.



Information, Instruction and Training Provided To Employees

Employees consulted on risks and controls in the work place.

Staff communicated with on a regular basis on changes to hazards and controls.

Employees receive training through the use of training courses, posters, signs, announcements and briefings.



Minimal Employees To Attend The Workplace

Work organised so that minimal people are required to attend the workplace - where it allows work to be carried out safely whilst supporting social distancing.

Where possible this will be limited to the same people to prevent mixing of groups.

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls				
		Pro-active Monitoring In Place Pro-active monitoring in place to ensure that staff are adhering to controls and that control measures are adequate and effective. Remote Workers Adequately Supported Adequate work equipment will be provided to remot workers. Regular contact wide be made with remote workers to arrangements are adequate to support their physical and mental wellbeing.				
		Restrict Movement Of People Throughout Site Employees discouraged from carrying out non- essential trips within the premises- use of phones, emails or radios to communicate with others elsewhere.				
		Drop off and collection areas designated for exchanging of documents, materials or equipment Job rotation reduced to prevent moving between locations where at all possible.				
		Signage And Floor Markings In Place To Remind Employees Of The Controls				
		Posters and signs to be used to remind employees of the requirement to adhere to social distancing, to wash hands frequently and to practice good respiratory hygiene (coughs and sneezes).				
		Staggered Work Patterns Working patterns organised to reduce the number of persons on-site at any one time and also staggered to reduce the number of people arriving and leaving to prevent cross over.				
		Cohorts or Teams to be fixed where possible to prevent mixing of different people on shifts.				

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls	
		Use Of Outside Spaces For Breaks Where Post	sible
		Safe outside places will be available for breaks social distancing in place through layout and usigns and markings.	
		Monitoring of these spaces to be carried out to ensure adherence to social distancing.)
	8	Ventilation On Site Increased As Much As Possible Windows and doors opened as much as possible increase ventilation in all workspace.	
		Use of extraction fans may be used to increase ventilation.	
		Adjustments to be made to ensure adequate ventilation remains in place.	
		Fire doors will not be propped open.	
		Guidance on use of Shared Air Condition will be taken with a competent engineer.	ре
		Vulnerable Persons Protected	
		Further assessment of the specific risks will be carried out on a case by case basis.	
		Those classed as clinically extremely vulnerable advised not to work outside of the home .	e are
		Those classed as clinically vulnerable are advis work 2m away from other persons where they cannot work from home.	

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			home must be carried ou accommodation will mee and be recorded centrall assessment of any addition required.	ded and working away from ut it will be ensured that et Government Guidelines ly along with the	
		献	Distancing Workstations will be arraidistancing can be adhered	nged so that social ed to.	
			Markers or floor plans to distancing.	demonstrate social	
			Desks will be spaced out between people.	to maintain distance	
			Hot-desking will be preve if this is not possible thor place before and after us of all equipment.		
			Where possible use of own	wn peripherals such as nd headsets will be in place.	
			Where social distancing of further controls will be in		
			Desks to allow people to away from each other.	work side by side or facing	
			Use of screens to separat	te people.	
		7	Increased cleaning of are	eas.	
is i	All staff How? Being in close		1.Increased Cleaning Carried Out	2.Increased Handwashing Carried Out	
4. Social Distancing Guidelines Cannot Be Met	proximity may lead to increased risk of the spread of		Increased cleaning of surfaces where people are operating within the 2m social	Provisions will be made in order for people to be able to wash their hands more frequenlty-	

-Activities, where social distancing cannot be followed in full, may lead to increased risk of the transmission of the virus due to being in

the Covid-19 virus.

distancing to be carried out.

including before and immediately after carrying out tasks where social distancing has not been maintained.

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing	controls		
close proximity. This includes entrances, exits and common areas as well as work activities.			3.Time Spent Within 2m To Be Kept To A Minimum The time where persons are within 2m will be kept to as short a time as practicable possible.		4.Physical Barriers or Screens In Use To screen people from each other physical barriers or screens will be used and cleaned frequently.
		1-1	5.Employees To Avoid Face To Face Work Where Possible Where possible employees will work side by side or back to back to avoid working face to face.	1-1	6. Teams / Partners / Cohorts Will Be Kept Fixed Where Possible To reduce the number of different people working within the 2m fixed teams and partners will be place where at all possible to reduce the level of possible transmission
			7.Work Activity Will Not Go Ahead Where social distancing cannot be maintained and cannot be limited to a small group of fixed people then the activity will be assessed to decide if it can go ahead safely.		RPE - Disposable Respirator FFP 1/2/3 Protects against fine dust, mists & fumes;FFP1 up to 4x TLV, FFP2 up to 12x TLV & FFP3 up to 50x TLV
	All staff, Contractors Visitors		Cases Recorded and Records maintained who develop sympto	of those w	ho are isolating or



5.Individuals Displaying Symptoms - Coronavirus reportedly spread through exposure or contact to cough droplets. People at work developing

How? An individual could develop symptoms of high/raised temperature or new/continuous cough whilst at work.

Investigations carried out if the transmission could be work-related in the event it needs to be reported under RIDDOR.

Appropriate risk assessments and work activities reviewed to ensure there are effective controls or if any changes are required.

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls
on-set of symptoms within the workplace.		Employee Not To Return To Work And Should Self-Isolate For those displaying symptoms of a high or raised temperature or new/persistent cough, isolation should be exercised immediately, ensuring Line Management are informed. Should individuals live with those displaying.
		Should individuals live with those displaying symptoms, they should isolate for 14 days. If by themselves, 7 days. Employee To Go Home Immediately The applicate will be continuous displaying symptoms.
		The employee will be sent home directly from work and maintain social distancing to do so. If they require someone from their household to come and pick them up - they will wait in an isolated room away from anyone else until they are collected. This area will require thorough cleaning
		afterwards in accordance with the guidance. They should then self-isolate in accordance with guidelines.
		Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed Staff should be carrying out regular hand washing for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or use of a sanitiser if this is not available.
		Following cleaning an area after a symptomatic person the hands should be thoroughly cleaned.
		Waste Disposed Of With Care With Local Guidelines. Any waste from areas where symptomatic people have worked- including the PPE and cleaning items that have been used will be double-bagged and labelled and disposed of 72 hours with normal collection arrangements - or if test results come back negative where applicable.
		If unable to store the waste then arrangements for clinical waste collection will be made.

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls
		Will Follow Government Advice On Testing https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus- covid-19-getting-tested Work Area Cleaned Thoroughly Using Disinfectant Following Guidelines. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid- 19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare- settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non- healthcare-settings If dealing with bodily fluids or suspected Covid-19 person then extra precautions will be needed which will include protection for eyes, nose and mouth in addition to the gloves and aprons. For disposal these should be then double-bagged and labelled and stored safely and securely for 72 hours before disposal by normal means of
	All staff, Members of the public	Staff will be trained in the effective use of PPE to ensure it offers the correct level of protection. Safer Travel Supported Car sharing with people from different households
Coming To Work And Leaving Work - Sharing of a vehicle to, from work or use of public transport may lead to an inability to maintain social distancing.	How? Exposure to the virus due to inability to maintain social distancing leading to potentially contracting the virus.	Alternatives such as walking and cycling will be supported with increased facilities. Use of Public Transport will be discouraged. Shifts Staggered Where at all possible shifts will be staggered to allow employees to travel outside of rush hours as well as avoiding cross overs of shifts. Work From Home Where At All Possible. Employees will work from home where possible to prevent the need to travel and enter the workplace.
Common Areas (Including Kitchen and Welfare Facilities)	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Common areas may restrict distancing of 2+ metres at any one time.	

Hazard

Who could be harmed and how?

Existing controls

- Due to areas being frequently utilised by all staff, the potential for infection is increased. This includes stairwells, waiting areas, seating areas as well as toilets, changing room and kitchen areas.

Due to heavy foot fall, surfaces may be touched more frequently and individuals may cross paths more often.



Access To Toilets / Showers/ Changing Rooms Controlled

Restrictions on the number of people using facilities at any one time to allow for social distancing.

Use of markings and posters to indicate the social distancing requirements.



Break Times Staggered And Employees Remain On Site

Employees to remain on site where possible during breaks.

Break times to be staggered to prevent the gathering of people.



Canteen Facilities Restricted

Canteen and kitchen access restricted to limit number of people permitted at any one time.

Employees encouraged to bring in own food to avoid the need to use facilities.



Increased Frequency Of Cleaning Of Toilets / Changing Rooms and Kitchens.

Increased cleaning of the welfare facilities will be carried out on site- especially portaloos are if in use.

Increased frequency of cleaning of kitchen facilities to be carried out.

Employees to clean kitchen items before and after use.



Numbers Of People In Common Areas Managed.

Individuals using common areas will be kept to a minimum at all times and social distancing will be strictly adhered to.



Pro-active Monitoring In Place

Common areas, including toilets and access and egress routes are monitored frequently, ensuring individuals are exercising social distancing.

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls		
		Regular Cleaning Of Common Area And Touch Points. Common areas where people pass through are to be cleaned frequently but specific attention to be paid to areas where people spend more time or common touchpoints. These will be cleaned more intensely/frequently. The appropriate disinfectant will be used in line with the COSHH Assessment and the correct PPE worn which will be disposed of correctly. Disposable cloths will be used where possible to reduce transmission. Restricted Use Of Lifts Stairs will be used rather than lifts to prevent people from being in close proximity. Lifts will be available for those with disabilities. If the lift is to remain in use then the occupancy will be limited to be able to comply with social distancing. Touchpoints will be cleaned frequently.		
Managing Customers, Visitors and Contractors Coming To Site Tradespeople, couriers, deliveries, contractors and other visitors such as customers attending site for work purposes.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Transmission of Covid-19 between visitors to site and employees.	Access To Welfare Facilities Controlled Access to welfare facilities is strictly controlled with increased cleaning carried out and use monitored. All Visitors To Site To Be Pre-Arranged And Times Staggered Non-essential visitors/contractors /customers to be requested or permitted on site. No unauthorised visitors to be permitted on site- they will be turned away until correct arrangements made. Visitors to be allocated specific time slots and staggered to reduce the number of people on site.		

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing	Existing controls			
		0	Documentation Issued Electronically Where Possible	-	Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed By	
		to exchange paperwork other docur the informa be exchang electronical	To reduce the need to exchange paperwork and other documents, the information will be exchanged electronically instead where at all possible.		Employees Employees to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water regularly and have access to sanitsier where this is not possible-before and after any interaction with others.	
		Increased Cleaning Regime In Place For Touch Points And Interfaces.	A	Information Communicated To Visitors Prior		
			Increased cleaning of areas where there are interactions with others not from the workplace will be		communication issued to expected visitors to site through phone, email or website.	
			carried out. This includes waiting areas, handles, handrails, counter tops.		Information signs displayed at visitor arrival areas to make procedures clear.	
		[min]	Managed Entry The number of peop premises will be restr distancing.			
			There will be the use management outside			
			The entrance/ exit powill be away from emminimise contact with	ployee ar	eas where possible to	
		1-1	Protective Interface Established Use of markings, signage and potential use of screens (existing or		Remote Communication Encouraged Where possible remote communication with visitors	

temporary plexi-

glass) to provide a

barrier between a

visitor to site and

employee.

with visitors,

customers and

contractors will be

attendance on site.

used rather than

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls			
			Revised Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures		
	-		Designated areas for non-contact deliveries will be in place with clear instructions for couriers.		
			Revised delivery / collection methods to reduce the number of visitors to the site such as bulk drop-offs and pick-ups to reduce frequency of visitors.		
			Limited people to carry out the collection of deliveries.		
		F	Sanitiser Available At Visitor Interfaces.		
			Sanitiser available		
		5	at locations where contractors /		
			visitors will present		
			to employees.		
	V.		Supervision On Site		
			Where contractor tasks are required to be supervised-social distancing will be maintained.		
		311.25	The host person on site will be aware of their responsibilities to support social distancing and informing the contractor of their requirements.		
			Visitor Records Maintained		
		\(\frac{\pi}{\pi}\)	Records of those who have attended site to be maintained where possible.		
			If requiring people to sign in - pens will not be provided to reduce the need to share equipment.		
			Touchscreen sign-in systems will be disabled where possible - if not possible then cleaning and sanitising product will be located adjacent to the device.		
			Waiting Area For Visitors / Contractors Well Managed		
			Any waiting area for people on site will allow for adequate social distancing in the seating arrangements.		
			Use of signs and markers and announcements to remind any visitors of the requirements.		
			Entry to waiting area restricted if the number of people will restrict the ability to socially distance.		
			People may be turned away until a more suitable time is available where social distancing can be managed.		

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing	controls		
Meetings People coming together in close proximity to attend meetings.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Increased risk of transmission of Covid 19		Meetings Carried Out Remotely Where Possible Where possible meetings will be carried out remotely to avoid the need for people to come together.		Meetings To Be Held In Well Ventilated Locations Meeting to be held outside where possible. If not then meetings will be held in well- ventilated rooms where windows or doors can be open or use of extractor fans to support ventilation.
		0	No Sharing Of Equipment Permitted No items are to be shared at any time during the meetings such as pens, computers etc.		Sanitiser To Be Provided As well as handwashing before and after the meeting, hand sanitiser will be provided for use for meeting participants.
		1-1	Social Distancing To All participants to be the need to adhere to Desks and chairs will distancing or meeting Signs and markings to spaces to indicate 2nd	reminded o social di be arrang g will be h	d prior to meeting of stancing at all times. ged to support social held stood up.

Shared Workspaces With Other Organisations Sharing of premises with other employers, organisations or contractors.

Who could be harmed and how?

Existing controls



Visitors

How?
The activities of other people in the premises may lead to variations in the level of controls in place which may increase the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 Virus.



Communication and Cooperation With Others Occupying Premises (Including Landlords)

There will be effective communication between any other employers, organisations or contractors in shared premises to ensure there is cooperation on the controls in place to reduce transmission.



Increased Cleaning Arrangements In Place

A coordinated approach to increased frequency of cleaning of surfaces in common and shared areas such as stairwells, toilets, kitchen facilities.



Increased Hand Washing

Supporting of increased handwashing through the provision of facilities such as additional wash stations or provision of sanitiser where this is not available.



Staggered Break Times With Other Organisations In Premises

To reduce the number of people from differing organisations accessing canteen or welfare facilities or using stairwells and corridors at the same time.

Further control measures

None required

Operating procedures

In the context of COVID-19 this means working through these steps in order:

In every workplace, increasing the frequency of handwashing and surface cleaning.

Businesses and workplaces should make every reasonable effort to enable working from home as a first option.

Where working from home is not possible, workplaces should make every reasonable effort to comply with the social distancing guidelines set out by the government (keeping people 2m apart wherever possible).

Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be followed in full, in relation to a particular activity, businesses should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the business to operate and if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission between their staff.

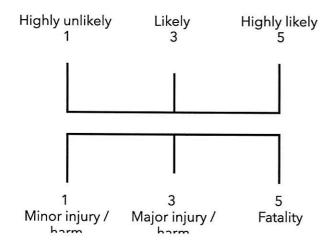
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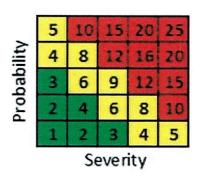
- Increasing the frequency of hand washing and surface cleaning.
- Keeping the activity time involved as short as possible.
- Using screens or barriers to separate people from each other.
- Using back-to-back or side-to-side working (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible.
- Reducing the number of people each person has contact with by using 'fixed teams or partnering' (so each person works with only a few others).
- Finally, if people must work face-to-face for a sustained period with more than a small group of fixed partners, then you will need to assess whether the activity can safely go ahead.
- No one is obliged to work in an unsafe work environment.

Taken From: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Risk rating explanation

Risk ratings are calculated by considering the likelihood of an event occurring along with the severity of the potential consequence should an accident occur. After considering existing control measures, values are assigned to the likelihood and severity from the scales below and these figures multiplied to established the risk rating.





What do your risk ratings mean?

- Risk is categorised as LOW: Look to reduce risk if practicable
- Risk has been categorised as MEDIUM: Begin to plan your action to reduce the risk immediately
- Risk has been categorised as HIGH: Immediate action required to reduce the risk

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