

COVID-19 Health & Safety Risk Assessment



Location:	Head Office	Date:	24.07.2020
Task:	Workplace Environment	Signed:	<i>S. J. Davis</i>
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Potential Harm Factor X Likelihood of Injury Occurring = Risk Rating

Fatal/Major Injury or Illness	4	Certain to Occur	4	High =	10-16
Injury/Illness Causing lost time – Reportable	3	Probably to Occur	3	Medium =	7-9
Injury/Illness Causing Lost Time - Not Reportable	2	Possible to Occur	2	Low =	3-6
Minor Injury or no lost time	1	Unlikely to Occur	1	Insignificant =	1-2

Hazard/ Hazardous Situation	Who may be harmed and how?	Harm 1	L/Hood 2	Risk 1 x 2	Control Measures	Further Actions Required?	By whom?	Completion Date
Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Visitors to the Office, such as delivery drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions Anyone else who physically comes in contact with the Office or staff members in relation to your business 	4	2	8	<p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing facilities with soap and hot water in place. Stringent hand washing taking place. Paper towels/hand dyers for drying of hands See hand washing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available including our vehicles <p>Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap and the importance of proper drying. Accommodating signs are placed in the restroom to remind staff of protocol & to clean surfaces after use. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace. Hand sanitiser is placed in every office space as well as communal areas.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display on around the office and should be read and instructions followed. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</p> <p>Cleaning</p> <p>Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects, such as printers, keyboards & mice, and surfaces & communal spaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, toilets, the reception area, using appropriate cleaning products and methods & cleaning on a regular basis &</p>	<p>Ensuring all Control Measure are met</p> <p>Ensure compliance to control measure by offering correct supply of equipment to help prevent the spread. Ensure all precautions are taken.</p> <p>PPE</p> <p>Ensure a regular supply of PPE is always in supply. Ensure staff are aware to communicate PPE needs and to send PPE where required.</p> <p>Working Practices</p>	ALL	Ongoing
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				<p>after use. Antibacterial & cleaning wipes are supplied to each individual to complete regular cleaning of surfaces/office space.</p> <p>Social Distancing Social Distancing - Reducing the number of persons in any work area/office space to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the government https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p> <p>All staff members in office are assigned their own room/space which is secluded from others entirely or well over 2 metres apart.</p> <p>Ensuring sufficient rest breaks for staff. Social distancing also to be adhered to in social areas, with active encouragement towards “one at a time” and encourage bringing refreshment from home. Smoking areas have reminders of 2m distancing rules. Toilets have sufficient size & with reduced numbers in the office, individuals are assigned their own cubicle to minimise risk.</p> <p>All staff briefed prior to working in the office on procedures in relation to minimising the risk of Covid-19. Regular communication of this ensures compliance. Signage around the office as a consistent reminder.</p> <p>Doorways to be used one at a time & use of antibacterial jells after every door use mandatory.</p> <p>Symptoms of Covid-19 If anyone becomes unwell with a any symptoms related to COVID-19, such as a high temperature, cough or shortness of breath in the workplace they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. They will be encouraged to take a test and confirm a positive result before returning to the Office.</p>	<p>Ensure that workers are often kept in the same team wherever possible as well as ensuring that Office Team Members remain distanced.</p> <p>Updated Legislation</p> <p>Ensure that Team Members are up to date with current legislation in regard to working practices & ensure the Company is compliant.</p> <p>Returning to Work/Office</p> <p>Ensure that Team members are briefed with current measures, have necessary PPE to safely perform their work tasks &</p>	<p>HR & Management Team</p> <p>HR</p> <p>Management Team</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing (from Day 1 of employee return)</p>
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