

Activity Assessed:	COVID-19	Location:	All Locations	Department:	All Areas
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Task Description:	<p>Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.</p> <p>This is a generic Risk Assessment for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation in the workplace. It does not cover all scenarios and each employee should consider their own unique circumstances. Employees are advised to keep up to date with HSE advice to workplaces in this fast-changing situation by visiting the HSE web site.</p>
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			<p>Social Distancing</p> <p>Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the Public Health Agency where possible.</p> <p>Taking steps to review work schedules including staggered breaks, working from home etc. to reduce number of workers on site at any one time. Also relocating workers to other areas as required.</p>	Yes	Social Distancing signs to be placed in prominent places across the business sites	2	1	2	Low

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			Yes	Monitor staff welfare and wellbeing	2	1	2	Low	

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1. HIGHLIGHT ANY EXAMPLE HAZARDS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE JOB or WORK ACTIVITY			
Working at Height	Noise	Hand tools	Vibration
Falling objects	Extreme Heat / cold	Confined spaces	Repetitive hand/ arm movement
Slippery/ uneven/ worn floors	Radiation	Poor housekeeping / cleaning	Machine operation
Obstructions/ projections	Lighting	Vehicle movement	Electromagnet
Manual handling	Compressed air	Fire / explosion	Pressurised systems
Stress	Substances / materials	Electricity	Exposure to Disease

2. RISK MATRIX		Potential consequence of harm		
		1 – Minor Injury (e.g. hazard can cause illness, injury or equipment damage but the results would not be expected to be serious)	2 – Significant Injury (e.g. hazard can result in serious injury and/or illness, over 3 day absence)	3 – Major Injury (e.g. hazard capable of causing death or serious and life threatening injuries)
Likelihood of harm	1 – Unlikely (injury rare, though possible)	1 – Low	2 – Low	3 – Medium
	2 – Possible (injury could occur occasionally)	2 – Low	4 – Medium	6 – High
	3 – Probable (injury likely to occur, can be expected)	3 – Medium	6 – High	9 – Extreme

RISK EVALUATION

This is calculated by multiplying the likelihood against the consequence e.g. taking a likelihood of 1, which is classified as Unlikely and multiplying this against a Potential Consequence of 2, which is classified as Significant Injury, would give you an overall Risk Rating of 2, which would result in an overall evaluation as a low risk.

1 to 2 = Low risk

Low risks are largely acceptable, monitor periodically to determine situation changes which may affect the risk, or after significant changes

3 to 4 = Medium risk

Medium risks at the upper end of this band should only be tolerated for the short-term and then only whilst further control measures to mitigate the risk are being planned and introduced, within a defined time period. Risks on the lower end should be reduced if practicable.

6 = High risk

High risks activities should cease immediately until further control measures to mitigate the risk are introduced. The continued effectiveness of control measures must be monitored periodically.

9 = Extreme Risk

Work should not be started or continued until the risk has been mitigated. Immediate action is required to reduce exposure. A detailed mitigation plan must be developed, implemented and monitored by senior management to reduce the risk before work is allowed to commence

