

Risk assessment name	Covid Secure Risk Assessment - Field Based Working	Assessment type	<b>A</b> General
Assessor name	Louise Holloway	Affected site(s)	Field Based
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#### Description

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.

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2. Hygiene Control Poor hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene control may lead to an increase in surface contamination. All staff, Members of the public

Customers

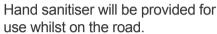
How? Increased risk of surfaces becoming contaminated with pathogens including Covid-19 leading to spread of infection.



#### **Employees Advised To Wash Clothing After Work**

Unless assessment of other risks deems necessary- employees 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.







# **Provisions of Written Driving Policy**

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Medium

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#### Signs And Posters In Use To Remind To Practise Good Hygiene

Relevant posters and signs displayed to remind employees of the need to wash hands for at least 20 seconds 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 however 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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4. Social Distancing Guidelines Cannot Be Met Activities, where social distancing cannot be followed in full, may lead to increased risk of the transmission of the virus due to being in close proximity. This includes vehicles, customer premises, break areas and outside spaces.	All staff, Members of the public  Customers  How?  Being in close proximity may lead to increased risk of the spread of the Covid-19 virus.	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.  7. Work Activity Will Not Go Ahead  Where social distancing cannot be limited to a small group of fixed people then the activity will be assessed to decide if it can go ahead safely.  8. Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)  Additional PPE beyond what is normally worn to control workplace risk, for management of covid infection has limited benefits and precautionary use of additional PPE for this purpose is not encouraged.  However where the risk assessment identifies high risk of transmission due to difficulties implementing controls then PPE will be considered as a further control measure.  Appropriate PPE will be selected and employees trained in its safe and effective use, storage and disposal in line with PPE risk assessment.	5 x 5 25  Medium

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5.Individuals Displaying Symptoms - Coronavirus reportedly spread through exposure or contact to cough droplets. People at work developing on- set of symptoms within the workplace.	All staff, Members of the public  Customers  How?  An individual could develop symptoms of Covid-19, which includes a high/raised temperature, a new/continuous cough or loss of sense of taste or smell which may lead to increased risk of transmission of Covid-19.	Cases Recorded and Investigated. Records maintained of those who are isolating or who develop symptoms 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.  Company Vehicles 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/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 collection.  Staff will be trained in the effective use of PPE to ensure it offers the correct level of protection.	4 x 6 24  Medium

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		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 symptoms, they should isolate for 14 days. If by themselves, 7 days.	
		Employee To Go Home Immediately  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.	
		Will Follow Government Advice On Testing And Tracing Will follow the relevant protocol for booking a Covid-19 test and any subsequent tracing and isolation that should follow.	

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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.	All staff, Members of the public  Customers  How?  Exposure to the virus due to inability to maintain social distancing leading to potentially contracting the virus.		Safer Travel Supported Car sharing with people from different house Alternatives such as walking and cycling will facilities.  Use of Public Transport will be discouraged.  Travel Times Arranged to Avoid Peak Times Where at all possible meetings will be staggered to allow employees to travel outside of rush hours as well as avoiding cross overs of shifts.	be supported with increased	4 x 5  Medium

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Meetings People coming together in close proximity to attend meetings.	All staff Customers How? Increased risk of transmission of Covid 19	All Non Essential Business Travel Prohibited  All non essential business travel is prohibited. Where travel is business critical use of public transport should be avoided wherever possible.  Meetings Carried Out Remotely Where Possible  Where possible meetings will be carried out remotely to avoid the need for people to come together.	4 x 5
		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.  No Sharing Of Equipment Permitted  No items are to be shared at any time during the meetings such as pens, computers etc.	
		Number of Attendees Limited Meetings limited to maximum 5 attendees  Sanitiser To Be Provided As well as handwashing before and after the meeting, hand sanitiser will be provided for use for meeting participants.	
		Social Distancing To Be Maintained  All participants to be reminded prior to meeting of the need to adhere to social distancing at all times.  Desks and chairs will be arranged to support social distancing or meeting will be held stood up.	
		Signs and markings to be used in regular meeting spaces to indicate 2m	

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Refuelling Risk of exposure to non- sanitised surfaces and lack of social distancing at re-fuelling stations	All staff, Members of the public  Customers  How?  Need to refuel vehicles at motorway service stations or petrol garages may lead to exposure to the COVID virus	Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed Good hand washing procedures observed to reduce the risk of skin disorders and promote good hygiene  Social Distancing Avoid gatherings, non-essential use of public transport, work from home, keep 2 metres apart	3 x 5 15 Medium
Rest Breaks - Risk of Exposure Risk of exposure to infection through use of public rest areas or purchasing food/ drink	All staff  How? Stopping whilst out on the road to purchase food and drinks, or stopping to use public rest areas could lead to increased exposure to COVID-19	Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed Good hand washing procedures observed to reduce the risk of skin disorders and promote good hygiene  Social Distancing Avoid gatherings, non-essential use of public transport, work from home, keep 2 metres apart	3 x 5 15 Medium

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Stress The adverse reaction people have to excessive pressures or	All staff How? Increased travel may impact on risk factors and stress levels leading to stress	Appropriate Mental Health Support Provided All colleagues have access to confidential mental health helpline	5 x 5
other types of demand placed on them. This can be caused by exposure to increased potential risk by increased exposure to other people.	related illness/ absence		Medium
	All staff, Members of the public	Awareness and Training For Employees	5 x 5
Working On Customer / Client Sites - Working on another clients	Customers  How? Lack of control on	Employees reminded of how to implement the control measures on other sites and to report any concerns they have.	25 Medium
site or customer premises	other sites over the	Confirm All Concerned Are Symptom Free	Wicdiairi
	social distancing measures meaning may be exposed to risk	On the day of work there will be checks to confirm that the customer / clients and employees are not displaying any symptoms.	
	of transmission of Covid-19	If any are then the work WILL NOT GO AHEAD and appropriate isolation procedures should be followed by those concerned.	

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		Contactless Exchange Of Money, Goods And Documents In Place Where Possible.	
		To reduce the need to exchange paperwork or handle cash - contactless methods preferred and encouraged.  Delivery notes and paperwork issues electronically.	
		Dynamic Risk Assessment Conducted  Contact will be made with the customer/ client to establish what control measures are in place and what else needs to be in place.	
		If arrive on-site and are not satisfied control measures are effective or people appear symptomatic then the visit the employee will leave the site immediately and report to the manager.	
		Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed  Hands will be washed upon arrival and before leaving the premises as well as after using a tissue to capture coughs and sneezes.	
		Sanitiser may be used in addition or in the absence of soap and water.	
		Minimal Contact With People	
		Where at all practicable social distancing of 2m adhered to at all times by all people throughout the visit.	
		Minimal people engaged with during the visit to site.	
		Use of signs, markers and announcements to remind people of the requirements.	

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		Non-Essential Work Is Not Carried Out All jobs will be reviewed to identify if the job is essential to be carried out at this time.  Where possible the job will be rescheduled for a more appropriate time.	

# **Further control measures**

None required

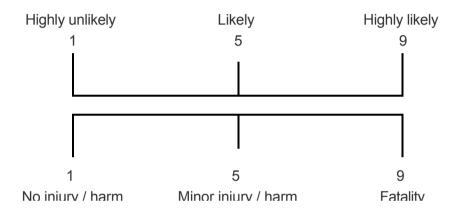
# **Operating procedures**

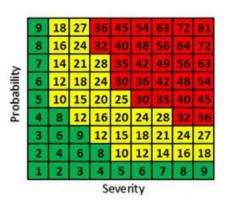
Further mitigating actions include:

- 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.

#### **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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