



Getting back on site

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Site Operating Procedures (SOP)



The starting point

There are no rules for this, only advice
The advice changes so keep on top of it!

Where to find them

Ask your trade association, NFB has its own bespoke version
Find the generic SOPs on the Construction Leadership Council website

Risk Assessments

Risk Assess and Ensure Compliance

Identify > Quantify > Reduce – and ensure compliance!
2m rule vs. mitigation (hierarchy of controls)

Conflicting considerations

COVID19 guidance vs. other responsibilities – know when to STOP

Face coverings and PPE

The different types of PPE

Not the same and not interchangeable


Supporting employees to wear face coverings

When using public transport, advised

Onsite is up to employee but advice should be given

Useful documents

Policy briefing



COVID-19 Site Operating Procedures (SOP) for construction sites

In its COVID-19 Recovery Strategy published 11 May 2020, the Government has confirmed that construction is specifically 'allowed to be open' and the Prime Minister has 'actively encouraged' construction workers to go back to work. Alok Sharma, the Secretary of State for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy, confirmed that the SOP, which is aligned with Public Health England (PHE) guidance, must be implemented in the workplace.




The 'NFB COVID-19 SOP' builds on that guidance and incorporates the Government's 'Working safely during COVID-19' guidance (published 11 May 2020) to ensure the safest possible working environment for our members. We understand that it may be difficult to adhere to all guidance but industry should ensure that staff, clients and the public interact as little as possible and remain safe in all their activities. The NFB asks members to take a value-led, risk managed approach in reestablishing and operating sites.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the local authority are the relevant enforcing authorities for public health. If a site is not consistently implementing the measures set out by PHE, it may be subject to enforcement action.

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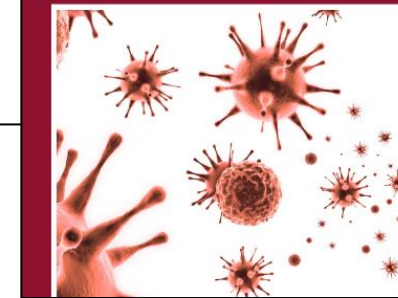


Working safely during COVID-19 in construction and other outdoor work

Guidance for employers, employees and the self-employed
11 May 2020





Working safely during the coronavirus outbreak – a short guide



Safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic – General guidelines for organizations

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Thank you!



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