Information Pack: How To Work Safely During Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This pack has been designed to help employers and the self-employed to ensure their business is COVID-19 secure. Make sure you read all the guides relevant to your workplace. Each guide has specific actions for businesses to take based on these steps.

These guides cover a range of different types of work. Many businesses operate more than one type of workplace, such as an office, factory and fleet of vehicles. You may need to use more than one of these guides as you think through what you need to do to keep people safe. Further guidance will be published as more businesses are able to reopen.

Should you need any further advice please call our Environmental Health Team on 01354 654321 or e-mail us at envhealth@fenland.gov.uk

Restaurants offering takeaway or delivery

Food Safety

If you are legally able to open your food premises and are looking to do so then you need to ensure that you have taken food safety and hygiene into account. In order to help you with this there is an opening checklist devised by the Food Standards Agency which can be viewed at: https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/reopening-checklist-for-food-businesses-during-covid-19

You need to ensure that you have carried out the checks before opening.

Shops and branches

Guidance for people who work in or run shops, branches, stores or similar environments: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/shops-and-branches

Working in other people's homes

Guidance for people working in, visiting or delivering to other people's homes. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes

Factories, plants and warehouses

Steps you can take to ensure your workplace is safe

Carrying out a COVID-19 Risk Assessment at your premises.

Carry out a Risk Assessment to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in your workplace and discuss the risk assessment with your staff and work together to ensure the control measures are implemented. Here is the link to an example of a Premises Covid -19 Risk Assessment https://www.fenland.gov.uk/coronavirusbusinessadvice

Develop cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures

You should increase the frequency of handwashing and surface cleaning at your premises by:

- Encouraging people to follow the guidance on hand washing and hygiene and provide paper towels or an electric hand drying machine
- Providing hand sanitiser around the workplace, in addition to washrooms
- Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly
- Enhancing cleaning for busy areas and toilets

Maintaining a 2m social distancing in the workplace

You could put up signage to remind workers and visitors of social distancing guidance https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/other-resources/posters/

Avoid the sharing of workstations and use floor tape or paint to mark areas to help people keep to a 2m distance.

Need more advice?

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