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SOP V4 Guidance

On 19 May 2020, the Construction Leadership Council updated their Site Operating Procedures (SOP) guidelines on safe site working practices to Version 4 (replacing SOP V3, which has now been withdrawn).

Developed to introduce consistent measures on construction sites of all types and sizes in line with the government's guidelines on social distancing, the SOP guidelines are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the fast-moving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to ensure that employers continue to remain fully compliant.

SOP V4 has been updated to incorporate a number of technical changes which reflect the recently published guidelines on [Working Safely During Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Construction and Other Work](#). Both guidance documents go hand in hand to ensure that those who work within sectors of the economy that are permitted to be open during the Coronavirus pandemic – including construction, logistics, manufacturing and distribution – are protecting their workforces and are minimising the risk of the spread of infection.

Changes to the SOP V4 guidance include:

- ▶ Removal of the requirement for face-to-face contact to be kept to 15 minutes or less
- ▶ The section of the document regarding PPE now links to the latest government guidance on face coverings

- ▶ assures that organisations are beginning to implement to minimise the risk of transmission, such as one-way systems and the reconfiguration of seating and tables
- ▶ Update to include the use of portable toilets
- ▶ Requirement to share risk assessments with the workforce to provide confidence in site arrangements
- ▶ Clarification on when to travel to work, as set out in the government's [COVID-19 recovery strategy](#)
- ▶ Updated links and key wording on social

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve at a rapid pace, SOCOTEC recognises the importance of cutting through the noise to help your organisation remain fully up-to-date with the latest standards, guidance and advice on how to work safely during the pandemic. Our Health and Safety Consultancy is on hand to assist with the finer details of health and safety guidance for a broad range of sectors during COVID-19.

Offering tailored advice, risk and site assessments, audits, policy checks and remote training, all of which are available within SOCOTEC's new '[Business Ready' programme](#)', our team of experts can equip your organisation with the confidence and peace of mind to safely resume operations during these challenging times. Please also note that all SOCOTEC staff carrying out on-site services continue to adhere to the latest government guidelines at all times.

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