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Working Safely to Government and Industry Guidelines

During these tough times, SOCOTEC's Health & Safety Consultancy team are here to provide support on Government and Industry health and safety guidelines for critical workers.

Government guidelines regarding working during the pandemic have been well publicised. However, those employers involved in critical work - including construction - can find themselves in a dilemma as to the health, safety and wellbeing of employees.

What are the current Government guidelines?

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Read more about Government guidelines [here](#).

What's the Construction Leadership Council's advice on health and safety for critical workers ?

The Construction Leadership Council has published a document entitled **Site Operating Procedures – Protection Your Workforce** in accordance with the adjacent Government guidelines, the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and associated regulations. You can download the latest version [here](#).

The document intends to introduce consistent measures for sites of all sizes in line with the Government's recommendations on social distancing.

The Construction Leadership Council guidance is set out on the following topics:

- Self-isolation
- Procedure if someone falls ill
- Travel to site
- Site access points
- Hand washing
- Toilet facilities
- Canteens and eating arrangements
- Changing facilities, showers and drying rooms
- Avoiding close working
- Cleaning

This guidance aims to clarify some of the most common points regarding the impact of coronavirus in construction.

HOW CAN SOCOTEC HELP?

Please be assured that SOCOTEC Health and Safety are always here to help with the finer details of health and safety guidance. You can contact SOCOTEC's Health and Safety team at H&S-Enquiries@socotec.com or on 0845 603 2112.