

RISK ASSESSMENT – WORK CONTINUATION DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

This is a temporary procedure being introduced due to extraordinary circumstances. The information in this document must be reviewed regularly to ensure the control measures specified are workable and achievable. If the site is not able to meet control measures specified below, our works may not be able to continue.



Project: Input details		Principal Contractor: Input details	
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Bricklaying activities will continue to work as per the previously submitted RAMS with these additional control measures in place to protect our workforce from catching and spreading COVID-19 illness whilst working on site. The Principal Contractor is responsible for providing adequate clean welfare & first aid facilities on site			
Hazard: Covid – 19		Risk rating:	
		Without controls:	With controls:
1. Travel to and from site		Medium	Low
2. Sites not under our control		High	Low
3. Any activity within site compound		Medium	Low
4. Activities around the canteen area		High	Low
5. Bricklaying activities on site		High	Low
6. Potential activities where social distancing cannot be maintained		High	Low
7. Emergency procedure if a worker taken unwell		High	Medium
8. When to NOT come to work - Requirement for self-isolation		Medium	Low
Risk: Likelihood Spread of COVID -19 virus – contact with people; tools; surfaces			

Controls:

1. Travel to and from site:

D.B. Brickwork Ltd will ensure all bricklayers working for us will avoid public transport where reasonably practicable. We expect our worker to travel individually avoiding vehicle sharing with members of different households where ever possible. The vehicles should be cleaned extensively using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other areas where passengers may touch surfaces.

When arriving on site at the start of the day, and then again at the end of the day our bricklayers shall wash hands with warm water and soap using the site facilities provided by the Principal Contractor. Where possible it is strongly recommended that hand sanitiser is applied before work and at the end of the day after washing hands.

We have stipulated to all Bricklayers **Do Not Travel** if you have any Covid19 symptoms

2. Sites not under our control

Before putting our bricklayers to work we will ensure the site can accommodate the parking requirements of potential more vehicles. We shall check with the Principal Contractor / Site Owner for reassurance of control measures being enforced, before attending site.

It is recommended that the Principal Contractor has the following procedures in place:

Access and Egress Points

- They should preventing all non-essential visitors to site
- Where possible with agreement from the local council consideration should be given for staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact
- Ensure site access is arranged to reduce congestion or decrease to enable monitoring, including in the case of emergencies
- Prevent all site workers using the same pen to sign in the same signing in sheet. We recommend controlling our own signing in procedure to minimise all site workers using the same pen. We will hand in the signing in sheet to the site management each morning
- We advise that our workers shall wash their hands for 20 seconds using soap and water when entering and leaving the site
- It is advisable for the Principal Contractor to hold site inductions and recommend holding them outdoors wherever possible

Handwashing:

- The Principal Contractor must ensure adequate supplies of soap and fresh warm water are readily available and kept topped up at all times
- Where possible provide hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol based) for application after washing hands
- The facilities must be regularly clean with suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels with regular removal and disposal.

Toilet facilities:

- Where possible we will advise the government to advise of restricting the number of people using toilet facilities at any one time and use signage, such as floor markings, to ensure 2 metre distance is maintained between people when queuing
- Hands should be washed with warm water and soap before and after using the facilities
- The site cleaning regimes should be increased for toilet facilities, particularly door handles, locks, and the toilet flush

- Bins should be emptied on a regular basis

Canteen / eating arrangements:

Where possible, workers should be encouraged to bring their own food. They should also be required to stay on site once they have entered it and avoid using local shops and refrain from large gatherings in the canteen

- The capacity of each canteen or rest area should be clearly identified at the entry to each facility, and where necessary attendants provided to supervise compliance with social distancing measures
- Break times should be staggered to reduce congestion and contact at all times
- Drinking water should be provided with enhanced cleaning measures of the tap
- Surfaces that are touched regularly should be regularly cleaned
- Hand cleaning facilities or hand sanitiser should be available at the entrance to any room where people eat and should be used by workers when entering and leaving the area
- A distance of 2 metres should be maintained between users, wherever possible
- All rubbish should be put straight in the bin and not left for someone else to clear up
- Tables should be cleaned between each use
- Crockery, eating utensils, cups etc. should not be used unless they are disposable

Changing facilities / Drying Rooms:

- We will check to ensure suitable drying and changing facilities are provided by the Principal Contractor
- We will restrict the number of our bricklayers using these facilities at any one time
- If required and requested by the Principal Contractor, we will introduce staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact at all times
- It is advisable that suitable and sufficient rubbish bins are located in the drying room areas

D.B. Brickwork Ltd will comply with all requirements stipulated by Public Health England and any additional site rules to comply with the above that may be imposed by the Principal Contractor.

3. Any activity within site compound:

We will enforce the wearing of gloves for all work activities whilst on site. We will ensure that only our tools are used in the workplace. We will ensure that all D.B. Brickwork Ltd tools are cleaned at the end of each day.

4. Any activity within canteen:

The Principal Contractor should minimise gathering in the canteen where possible, they must ensure all items are cleaned before and after each use including:
Were required we shall stagger breaks to reduce the amount of people in the canteen at any time. We will discourage our workers to use the site canteen.

5. Bricklaying activities on site :

None of our bricklayers shall be allowed to attending site if they have any symptoms or people in the same household are displaying Covid-19 symptoms.
We will enforce the mandatory wearing of Gloves which must be worn at all times around site
Workers shall only use their own personal tools and PPE and will be prohibited from sharing
We will ensure social distancing of at least 1 meter + is maintained at all times whilst laying bricks. When the labourers are to load out bricks this shall be undertaken without Bricklayers on the scaffolding. When distributing mortar, the bricklayers MUST move away from the person loading the muck onto the spot boards.

We will limit the amount of people on each plot; We will spread / segregate work around different locations where possible, and stagger start and finish times to reduce congestion / gathering if requested.

Ensure hands are cleaned before and after any activity, maintain good hygiene at all times

6. Potential activities where social distancing cannot be achieved:

If we are not able to maintain a one metre + distance, we will consider whether the activity should continue. The HSE risk assessment guidance as follows

- Workers who are unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) should not travel to or attend the workplace
- Avoid skin to skin and face to face contact
- Minimise the number of workers involved in tasks
- Workers should wash their hands before and after using any equipment
- Where it is not possible to maintain a two-metre distance, each activity should be risk assessed using the hierarchy of controls and against any sector-specific guidance, mindful that masks (RPE) are the last resort in the hierarchy
- Re-usable PPE should be thoroughly cleaned after use and not shared between workers
- Single use PPE should be disposed of so that it cannot be reused

Site Meetings should only be held if absolutely necessary meeting participants should attend. Attendees should be at least two metres apart from each other; Rooms should be well ventilated / windows opened to allow ventilation

D.B. Brickwork Ltd will provide additional supervision to monitor and manage compliance with all additional control measures specific to the prevention of Covid-19

7. Emergency Procedure – worker taken unwell:

If one of our workers develops a high temperature or a persistent cough while at work, they should:

- Return home immediately; Avoid touching anything; Cough or sneeze into a tissue and put it in a bin, or if they do not have tissues, cough, and sneeze into the crook of their elbow.

They must then follow the guidance on self-isolation and not return to work until their period of self-isolation has been completed.

First Aid and Emergency Service Response

The primary responsibility is to preserve life and first aid should be administered if required and until the emergency services attend.

- When planning site activities, the provision of adequate first aid resources must be agreed between the relevant parties on site, unless otherwise stated the Principal Contractor is responsible for providing adequate first aiders and suitable facilities

- 8. When to NOT come to work** Anyone who either has a high temperature or a new persistent cough or is within 14 days of the day when the first member of their household showed symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) should not come to site but must follow the guidance on self-isolation. Anyone identified as extremely vulnerable will be advised by their health authority and must follow the guidance on shielding and protecting extremely vulnerable people.