

COVID-19 CONSTRUCTION SITE BEST PRACTICES

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CONSTRUCTION SITE BEST PRACTICES

Are you doing what you can?

Are you using social distancing on your jobsite?

Are you encouraging employees to practice personal hygiene?

Are you communicating with your employees?

Are you enforcing your policies and procedures?

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS



PROVIDE A SAFE
WORKPLACE



PROMOTE AND
ENFORCE SAFETY
AND HEALTH
STANDARDS



COMMUNICATE
WITH EMPLOYEES



INVESTIGATE



SOCIAL DISTANCING

When possible, maintain at least 6 feet of separation between employees

- Stagger tasks
- Stagger start times for sub-contractors

When not possible, wear a face covering

- Cloth face coverings are not covered by AKOSH or OSHA standards
 - They are encouraged



SANITIZE

Wash hands

- Hand washing station
 - Is there one on-site?
 - Warm water is better, but ambient temperature is acceptable
- Hand sanitizer
 - Use ones that are recommended by the CDC

Clean and sanitize portable toilets regularly

- Especially areas of frequent touch such as door pulls and seats

DAILY OPERATIONS

Enforce policies and procedures

Reward positive behavior

Morning Safety Meetings

- Keep them short with a degree of separation
- Limit the attendance or have multiple meetings

Ensure employees are healthy

- Encourage employees that are ill to stay home



The employer is required to use the hierarchy of controls appropriately and show good faith at administrating those controls. The employer should demonstrate good faith at attempting to meet all applicable requirements during the current situation and as soon as possible following the re-opening of the workplace.



Use proper PPE when working with materials such as silica per the appropriate OSHA and AKOSH expanded standards



Ensure Proper ventilation on the jobsite, especially if it is enclosed



Tools and Equipment

If used by multiple employees, sanitize often

CONTROLS





VISITORS

1

Control your site

- Limit the amount of visitors to your jobsite
- Recommend or require visitors to wear face coverings on your site
- Minimize the movement of visitors on your site

2

Minimize contact of any visitors with your employees

- Ensure laydown areas are available for delivery and minimize contact between employees and delivery personnel

INVESTIGATE



Take additional surveys of the work site

What is and what is not effective



Conduct several interviews on the current controls



Reward good behavior



Research current State and Federal

Mandates
Recommendations
Industry practices

EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS

Maintain Social Distancing

Practice personal Hygiene

Inform employers of potential hazards

Communicate

SOCIAL DISTANCING



Work in areas with space between you and the next employee



Wear face coverings when completing normal work

Especially when completing tasks that require two or more personnel



Maintain your separation when taking breaks and lunches



Minimize your contact with visitors



SOCIAL DISTANCING CONTINUED

Minimize	Avoid	Monitor
<p>Minimize sharing of equipment</p>	<p>Avoid unnecessary traveling while working</p> <p>Avoid traveling during breaks</p>	<p>Monitor your health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify your employer if experiencing issues• Wear a face covering• Stay at home if necessary

CONCLUSION

Control your site

- Keep your jobsites clean and secured

Keep your employees safe

- Do what is required and demonstrate good faith

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