

Cleaning and Hygiene Guide

Construction sites operating in the wake of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic need to ensure they are protecting their workforce and minimising the risk of spread of infection.

Key cleaning tips

- All offices and jobsites should implement sufficient cleaning measures of common areas as recommended by the Ministry of Health and to help minimise the spread of COVID-19.
- Regular cleaning of the workplace environment will minimise the spread of infection by reducing workers' contact with contaminated surfaces.
- Clean surfaces with a suitable cleaner and/or disinfectant and follow the manufacturer's instructions for use. When choosing a suitable cleaning product, consider what the product is effective against and the length of time the product needs to be left on a surface to clean it properly.
- Where possible, use disposable cloths or paper towels to clean surfaces. Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins in these areas with regular removal and disposal. Reusable cloths should be disinfected and then dried after use, as bacteria and viruses can still survive on damp cloths.

Common areas may include:



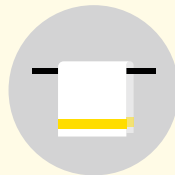
Toilet facilities



Reception and sign in areas



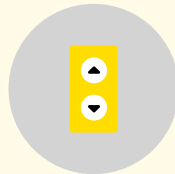
Smoko room



Wash items
Towels, tea towels and other fabrics and dry thoroughly outside or with a dryer



Doors/door handles
Look at all reasonable opportunities to remove them



High-touch public surfaces
Stairwell handrails, door handles, tabletops, lift buttons, microwaves and other kitchen surfaces

Hand Washing

- Provide additional hand washing facilities to the usual welfare facilities on large, spread out sites or significant numbers of personnel on site.
- Ensure soap and fresh water is readily available and kept topped up at all times.
- Provide hand sanitiser where hand washing facilities are unavailable.
- Regularly clean the hand washing facilities and check soap and sanitiser levels.
- Sites will need extra supplies of soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels and these should be securely stored.

Hand washing



Wet your hands under clean running water. Use warm water if available.



Put soap on your hands and wash for 20 seconds. Liquid soap is best.



Rub on both sides of both hands...



and in between fingers and thumbs...



and round and round both hands.



Rinse all the soap off under clean running water. Use warm water if available.



Dry your hands all over for 20 seconds. Using a paper towel is best.

Steps provided by Ministry of Health's guide to hand washing