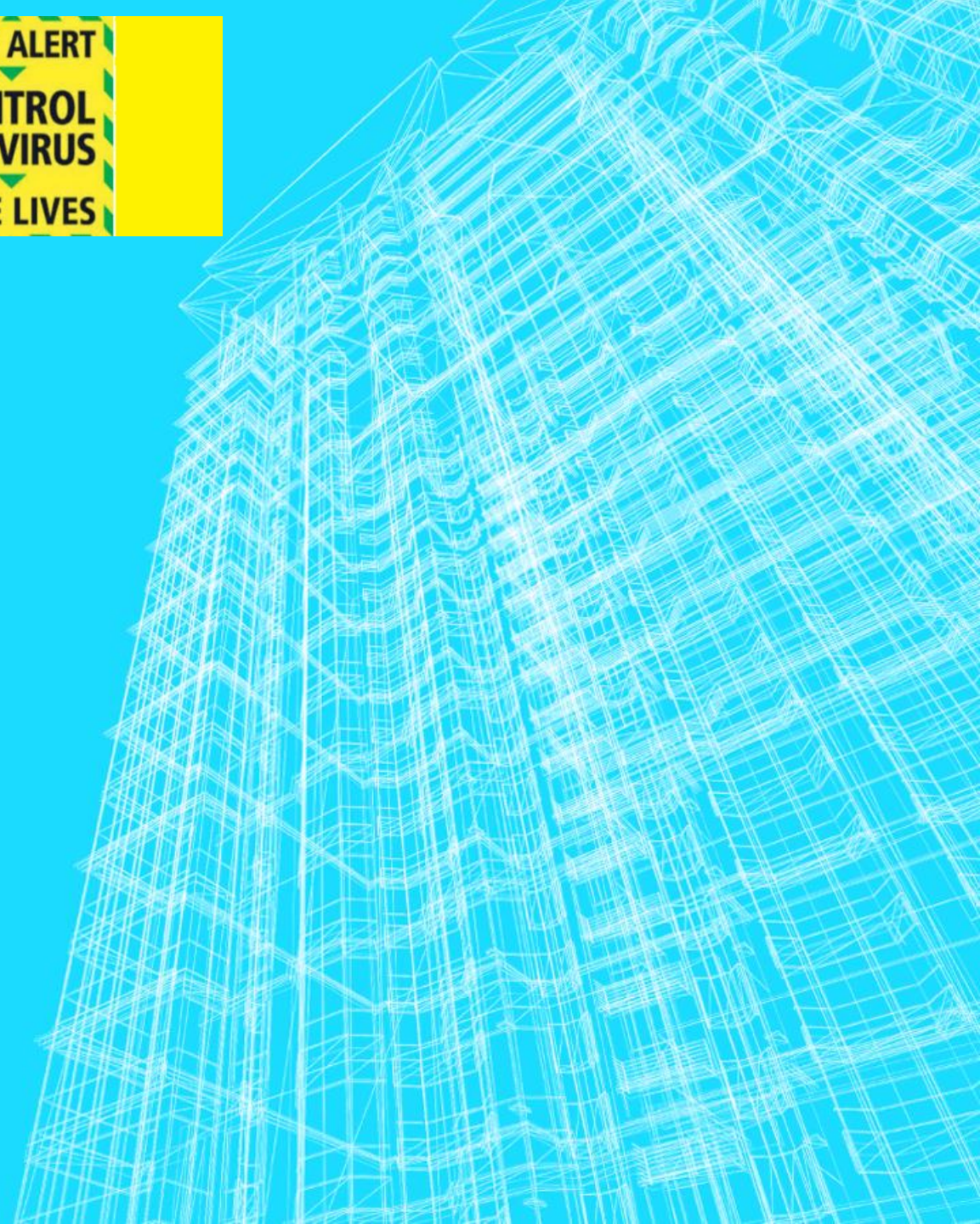
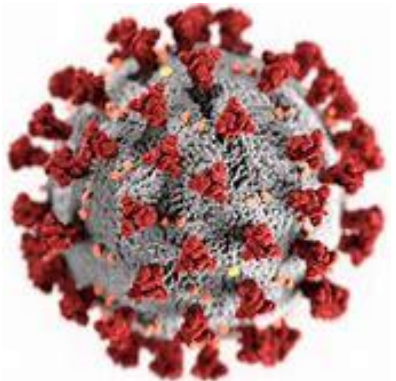


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*BUILDING A SAFER FUTURE*  
*FOLLOWING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) PANDEMIC*



# AIMS AND OUTCOMES

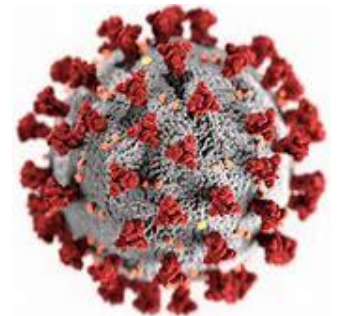
1. To be able to follow safety measures at work as directed by the employer in accordance with the Covid 19 risk assessment
2. To be able to understand and adhere to personal responsibilities in the workplace as an employee
3. To understand the responsibilities of the employer
4. To know how to raise and report a concern about Covid-19 Safety.





# THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

- The social and economic challenges stemming from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic means severe challenges for the construction industry.
- The way the industry works has changed for the foreseeable future, if not forever.
- This presentation sets out to inform both ***employers*** and ***employees*** of the changes and requirements to ensure they are able to undertake their work in a safe way as directed by the UK Government.



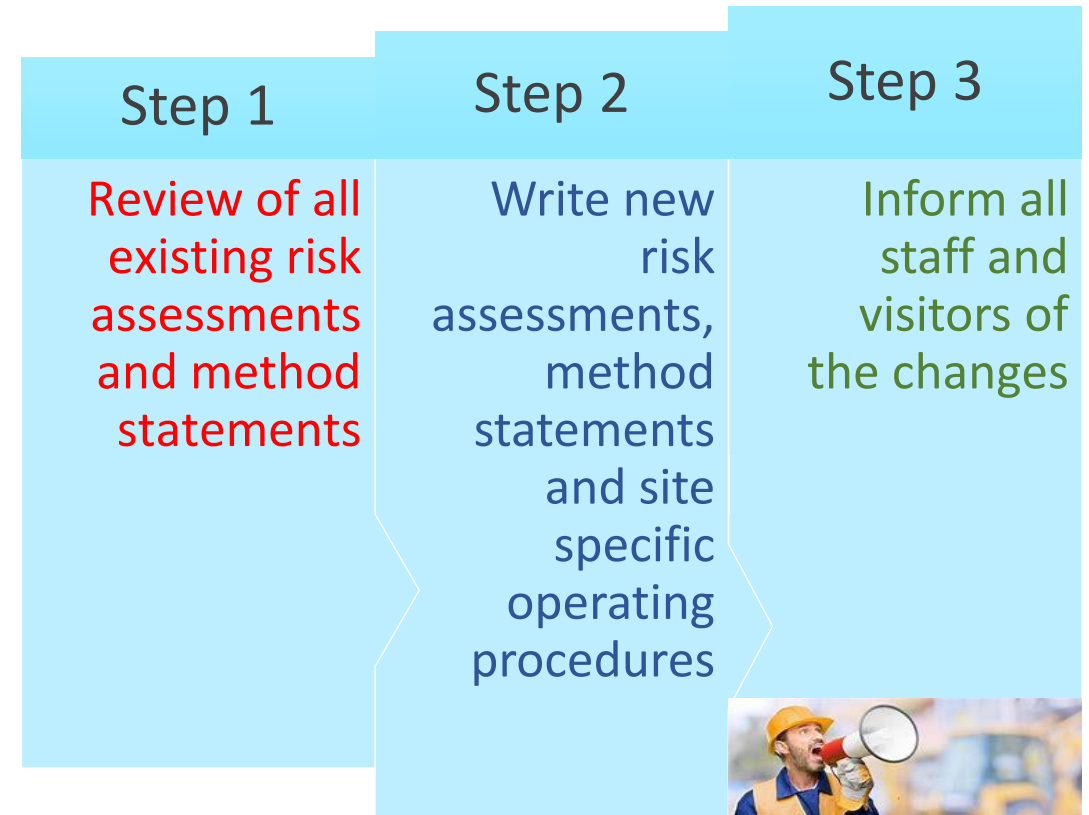
# OVERVIEW

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious disease that can have severe effects on people, especially those who are vulnerable.
- The virus is likely to pass from person to person in communal areas and where it is not possible to maintain safe distances between persons.
- If a person is infected while working it can be passed on through families and other contacts. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic it is essential that the workforce is protected to minimise the risk of the infection spreading.



# COMMUNICATION

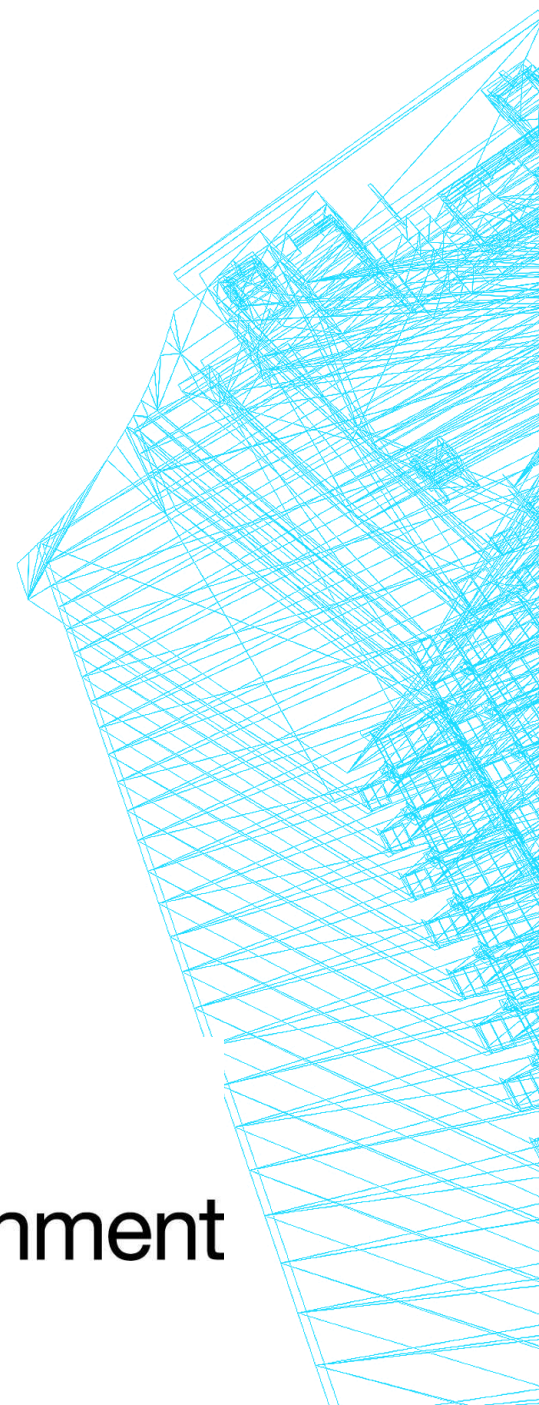
- It is of vital importance that all personnel are clearly informed of the generic and site-specific procedures with reference to COVID-19.
- All existing site procedures should be reviewed in order to ensure that they comply with the guidance on site operating procedures.
- Personnel briefings should include all areas where changes have been made, for example; travelling to work, access to site, hand washing, risk assessments and method statements.



- Construction bodies are working together with the Government to give the industry a frame work to enable the re-starting of building works across the country.
- Checklists and site procedures have been developed to support businesses, and are a great way of maintaining compliance with the latest Government guidance as they are published.
- When used, sites should ensure that any documents used have been prepared using the latest version of the CLC guidance.



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# CHECKLISTS

Checklists have been formulated by individual organisations and companies, the following are produced by CITB

- [https://www.citb.co.uk/Documents/coronavirus/cc01\\_site\\_operating\\_procedures\\_compliance\\_checklist\\_v4\\_0.pdf](https://www.citb.co.uk/Documents/coronavirus/cc01_site_operating_procedures_compliance_checklist_v4_0.pdf)
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# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



- The construction industry is used to PPE, it is mandatory on all well run building sites and developments. Covid 19 brings into play a whole different set of issues.
- Employers will now need to provide workers with additional items of PPE, for example disposable glove and face masks (where required).



# HAND WASHING

- Site entrances and exits will need to be monitored, new technologies like fingerprint recognition will have to be moth balled, and hand washing/sanitising will need to be in place at all entrances and exits. Other recommendations could include;
- Provide additional hand washing facilities (for example, pop-ups) to the usual welfare facilities.
- Consider the dispersal of facilities on a large, spread out site or where there are significant numbers of personnel on site, including plant operators.
- Allow regular breaks to wash hands.
- Ensure adequate supplies of soap and fresh water are readily available and kept topped up at all times
- Provide hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol based) where hand washing facilities are unavailable.
- Regularly clean the hand washing facilities.



# SOCIAL DISTANCING

**The Construction Leadership Council and Build UK have produced what is set to become the construction industry's current most important code of practice – Site Operating Procedures during the coronavirus.**



*Among the key points are:*

- Site workers should be two metres apart from each other at all times, as per government instructions, including in the canteen. In fact better to shut the canteen and get people to bring their own prepared lunches in.
- Start times on site should be staggered to avoid congestion at the gates.
- All site workers are urged to drive or cycle to work and avoid public transport, if possible.
- Fingerprint scanners and other security systems that require touching should be disabled.
- Reduce the number of people in attendance at site inductions and consider holding them outdoors wherever possible.

1. Name 2 organisations involved in producing 'return to work' checklists.
2. Who is responsible for communicating the Government's recommendations?
3. List 5 'checks' from CC01.
4. How can Covid19 be passed around in the work place?
5. Do you have to have symptoms to be able to infect others?
6. List 5 'checks' from CC04.
7. What should happen with all existing procedures?
8. What is the point of the return to work measures?
9. Can your employer insist that you return to work, even if you feel unsafe?
10. Make a list of as many actions you can take to prevent the spread of COVID19.

## QUESTION TIME







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