



ASTONLARK

DORMANCY CHECKLIST (Restaurants, Pubs, Bars & Cafes)

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY OF SCOPE AND DISCUSSIONS

To ensure that premises are protected over any period of dormancy and can be returned to service quickly, the following has been prepared should services at premises need to change for a period of time, whilst Covid-19 containment measures increase.

EXTERNAL AREAS

ITEMS TO BE COVERED

- Fencing in good condition?
- Perimeter gates secured when site vacated?
- All external furniture/seating in good condition and secured where possible?
- Car parking area floors in good condition?
- All combustible/waste materials stored a minimum of 5 metres from site buildings (10 metres if space permits)?
- Gas bottles securely stored?
- Any tank bunds clear of rubbish? (This could stop overflowing in the event of a leak)
- Pest Control boxes in place? Contractors still maintaining this service?
- Measures in place for maintenance of plants/grass/vegetation?
- Contact list in place for key holders?

BUILDINGS

- Are Fire and Intruder Alarms and Fire Suppression Systems, if installed, operational?
- Onsite gas supplies (such as propane tanks) isolated and locked off when not in use?
- Fuel supplies isolated and locked off when not in use?
- Premises secured?

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- Compressors isolated when not in use?
- Lifting plant isolated and left in a safe position when not in use?
- Is fire and gas monitoring equipment operational?
- Till drawers left open and cash removed?

OPERATIONAL

- Fire Risk Assessment reviewed and updated to reflect any changes to site/operations?
- Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) reviewed and updated to reflect staff shortages or changes?
- Fixed electrical and portable appliance testing up to date?
- Hot work permit system in operation?
- First aid provisions and number of first aiders reviewed to ensure they are adequate?
- Contractors insurances and RAMS checked for any work onsite?
- Cleaning regimes maintained for catering equipment and extraction ductwork etc?
- Stock and items susceptible to water damage stored a minimum of 150mm above floor level? (Avoid basements if at all possible)
- Home workers provided with suitable information and guidance?
- Suitable and regular means of communication established for new home workers?
- Adequate numbers of trained and competent staff to operate high risk plant and machinery?
- Lone working and security exposures created by staff shortages or changes reviewed?
- Monitoring Companies for Fire/Intruder Alarm have up-to-date key holder information?
- Statutory examinations in date? Adequate timeframe before they need to be carried out? Is there a shortage of engineers to carry these out?

In addition, for vacant sites

- All combustible waste removed from outside property, and bins emptied?
- Flammable gas bottles (e.g. LPG) removed from site?
- Has electricity been isolated (unless this will interrupt security and fire alarms/monitoring services)?
- Has water been isolated to buildings?
- Has mains gas been isolated to the site?
- Letterboxes sealed up?
- Loose waste and combustible materials removed?
- Have you advised insurers of the change in occupancy?
- Have you considered additional security measures such as CCTV/security guarding?
- Have you informed contractors/suppliers/customers?

Please remember

1. Let your usual Aston Lark contact know of:
 - a. Any changes to business activities (e.g. introducing a takeaway service)
 - b. Any changes to foods prepared or cooked, or the introduction of fat frying
 - c. Any changes to sums insured
 - d. Any changes to cover required (i.e. IT equipment taken home)
2. Keep accurate financial records during this period
3. Take a copy of your policy schedule and document
4. Take copies of business continuity plans
5. Take copies of key supplier contact names and phone numbers (making sure mobile phone numbers are held)
6. Take copies of contractor contact numbers
7. Take copies of security contact numbers
8. Take copies of employee contact numbers

If you have any questions regarding this or your insurance cover, please do not hesitate to speak to your usual Aston Lark contact

