



ASTONLARK

Cleaning in Non-Healthcare Premises

As and when lockdown is relaxed and your business reoccupies your premises and opens the doors to staff and customers, you need to be mindful of new guidance on cleaning.

The threat of Covid-19 will not disappear overnight and you will need to implement enhanced cleaning regimes for some period of time.

The current Government guidance can be found by clicking [HERE](#)

In preparation, you should be asking yourself:

- Do you have adequate supplies of the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available? As businesses start to reopen, further shortages may occur.
- What training do you need to provide to employees on the safe use of PPE?
- What are the details of the cleaning regime that is to be implemented? Have you informed and trained your staff?
- Do you have adequate supplies of cleaning materials and substances?
- If you are starting to use new, perhaps stronger cleaning substances, have you looked at the hazardous properties and assessed these as per **Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations?**
- Do you have emergency/deep clean procedures for when an infected person may have contaminated the area? Have staff been trained?
- Do you have access to approved specialist cleaning companies?
- Do you need waste storage solutions for contaminated cleaning materials?

CLEANING CONTRACTORS

If you normally use cleaning contractors, ensure you engage with them before you reoccupy the premises:

- Do they still have the capacity to clean your premises? They may have lost employees or found alternative clients who were able to keep their premises open
- Assess whether you need additional cleaning from them to assist you in keeping the premises clean. It is possible, if your employees are cleaning regularly during the day and you have fewer staff present, that you do not need to outsource cleaning
- Ensure that they have provided their staff with any additional training and the correct PPE
- Review procedures to reduce the potential contact between your staff and contractors

DECONTAMINATION SERVICES

There are a number of reasons why you may feel it is necessary to undertake a decontamination of your premises:

1. Employers have a duty to ensure 'so far as is reasonably practicable' the health, safety and welfare of their employees and others affected by their actions. Should cases of Covid-19 be traced back to a workplace exposure, it is possible that businesses may face criminal prosecutions by the Health and Safety Executive and/or civil law cases for compensation.
2. For many individuals, the Covid-19 pandemic will have been a traumatic time, and some employees will be afraid of and even reluctant to return to their place of work. Decontamination can help alleviate some of the fear factor.
3. As businesses are reawakening, a quick start is essential to get ahead of commercial rivals. It is vital that your business does not experience further unwanted disruptions or downtime caused by new cases of Covid-19 linked to the workplace.
4. A good reputation will be essential for businesses at this time, particularly those in the retail sector. Any negative media coverage relating to cases of Covid-19 and your business's premises could be disastrous.

CRAWFORD CONTRACTOR CONNECTION

Aston Lark works in partnership with Crawford Contractor Connection, the largest independently managed network of professionals in the UK. They are able to offer:

- A full deep-clean and decontamination following a suspected or confirmed outbreak at your premises
- Sterilisation of ventilation systems
- Fleet vehicle cleaning (individual assessment & quotation required)
- Installation of hand sanitiser dispensers at key entry points
- Chaperone services to assist specialist contractors complete emergency or essential works

