

The spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is unprecedented and we understand this is an incredibly difficult time for families and businesses. With the announcement of construction site shutdowns, businesses in our industry are now faced with new challenges and potential risks.

We are here to help you navigate temporary shutdowns and have put together the following checklist of risk control measures to help secure your job site.

Temporary shutdown checklist

Ensure OH&S advice is provided for employees working from home

Ensure deliveries of any high risk theft items are scheduled to arrive post lockdown

Ensure high value items that are being kept at home are being appropriately insured

Ensure tool boxes are locked

Remove all combustible waste, pallets, building materials (or store securely) and empty skips

Flammable and pressurised gas cylinders are stored in a suitable external cage or preferably removed from site

Inspect job sites daily if permitted

Identify further site inspection requirements e.g. scaffold inspection or post-adverse weather inspection

Safely isolate all equipment and non-essential building utilities (temporary or permanent). Ensure no charging is left on

Check external lighting is operational

Secure building access e.g. ground floor access to cores are secured

Lock external site fences and gates

Check security alarm and/or scaffold alarm is working correctly and activated

Check fire alarms (temporary or permanent) are operational and any faults are reported or rectified

Safely store or remove valuable contents, hired-in plant or machinery

Check site hoarding is in place and in good condition

Ensure security key holder response is updated and adequately resourced

Ensure CCTV is operational with adequate lighting (if applicable)

Consider draining down and isolating any water pipes to avoid the risk of water leaks

Ensure the site is adequately secured against weather perils

We encourage you to stay up-to-date with all government guidelines and restrictions.

Please use this checklist as a guide only.

Our team are ready to assist with any claims queries, risk management requirements or make-safe options should you need any us.

Important note: Please ensure that you comply with ongoing government guidance regarding shutdowns, restrictions and personnel that need to self-isolate.

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