

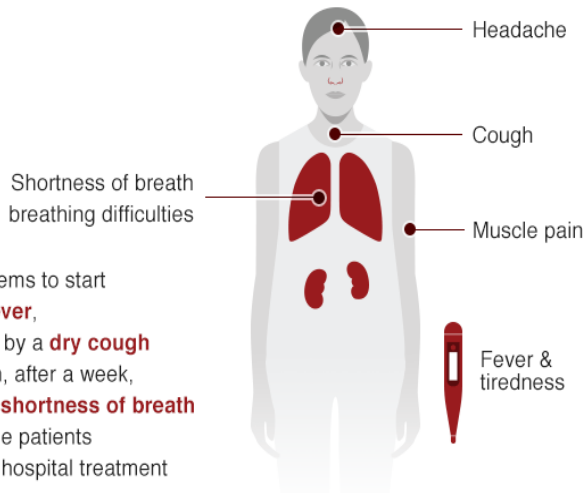
Whitewood Scaffolding Ltd - Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Location	
Assessor	Nicholas Procter – CMIOSH
Subject	Covid-19 – Prevention/ Close Working
Likelihood: 5= Certain, 4=Probable, 3= Likely to Occur, 2= May Occur, 1= Unlikely	
Severity: 5= Multi Fatality; 4= Fatality; 3= Major injury; 2= 3 Day Injury; 1= Non-Reportable Accident	

Risk Assessment Matrix					
	5	4	3	2	1
5	25	20	15	10	5
4	20	16	12	8	4
3	15	12	9	6	3
2	10	8	6	4	2
1	5	4	3	2	1

Activity	Who might be harmed?	Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Likelihood	Severity	Residual Risk Rating
Covid-19 Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other contractors or the public 	Illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cough High temperature Shortness of breath 	3	4	12	If operatives have reason to believe they have been in close contact with someone who has Covid-19, they must follow NHS guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home and avoid close contact with other people Do not go to GP Surgery, Hospital or Pharmacy Use NHS 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do next. 	1	1	2

Symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19)



Shortness of breath
breathing difficulties

Virus seems to start with a **fever**, followed by a **dry cough** and then, after a week, leads to **shortness of breath** and some patients needing hospital treatment

Headache

Cough

Muscle pain

Fever & tiredness

Operatives should be aware that loss of taste and smell are now considered as symptoms of Covid 19, and if acquired, self-isolation should be immediately undertaken.

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Covid-19 Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives/ or the public 	Symptoms of Covid-19	3	2	6	<p>All site personnel must follow the current government guidelines displayed in site canteens and site offices on how to protect themselves against Covid-19.</p> <p>Wash hands for about 20 seconds with soap and hot water or use sanitiser gel, as per the NHS guidance.</p> <p>Use a tissue for coughs and sneezes. If you don't have a tissue, use your sleeve</p> <p>Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands</p> <p>Avoid close contact with people who are unwell</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	2	2	4
Covid-19 Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All operatives and visitors 	Working in an area where there is a case of Covid-19.	3	2	6	<p>If you have been informed of a confirmed case of Covid-19 by the client or employer, the client or employer (building owner) will be expected to carry out a deep clean of the area and issue a certificate to confirm all areas have been properly cleaned</p> <p>If you show signs of the noted symptoms on the first page of this assessment, you will need to advise your line manager/employer and follow the necessary procedures.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	2	2	4

<p>Normal Working Activities (Covid-19 precautions)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives and members of the public 	<p>Poor Hygiene</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Supervisor to undertake daily briefings/ toolbox talks regarding the coronavirus, how to act and its symptoms ensuring regular government updates.</p> <p>Coronavirus spreads when an infected person coughs small droplets - packed with the virus into the air. Operatives should be coughing and sneezing into tissues, not touching your face with unwashed hands, and avoiding close contact with infected people are important for limiting the spread.</p> <p>Ensure you keep your workstations clean and sanitised regularly including canteen/ kitchen and bathroom facilities.</p> <p>Sanitiser gel and/ or soap and hot water must be provided for employees, contractors and visitors</p> <p>When travelling it is advised to carry hand sanitiser and tissues where practicable</p> <p>The company will follow government guidance on any restrictions to work, if information is released regarding self-isolation of all personnel.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>4</p>

				<div data-bbox="1220 223 1960 1125" style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <h3>How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus</h3> <div data-bbox="1243 391 1344 446" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Do</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell <div data-bbox="1243 901 1377 957" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Don't</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean </div> <p data-bbox="1220 1189 1848 1220">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</p> <p data-bbox="1220 1260 1915 1332">All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance.</p> <p data-bbox="1220 1364 1892 1436">https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	
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Sub-contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, and Members of public 	Symptoms of Covid-19	3	2	6	<p>The Company will ensure that all members of its supply chain and sub-contractors provide evidence of a Covid-19 response plan.</p> <p>The team will only continue works with members of its supply chain once its coronavirus precautions are agreed as suitable for the working environment.</p> <p>Supervisors will regularly liaise with sub-contractors and advise that they undertake regular briefings regarding the virus and its updates.</p> <p>All suppliers of critical services will be assessed before further supplies are obtained, to ensure suitable Covid-19 control measures are implemented throughout their business.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	2	2	4
Whitewood Scaffolding Business Continuity – Covid 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients and members of public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptoms of Covid-19 Working in an area where there is a case of Covid-19 	3	4	12	<p>Self-Declaration Health Checks to be carried out every morning before work commences by the Whitewood Scaffolding Interiors site team.</p> <p>Self-Isolation for anyone who meets the criteria – if someone falls ill during work, they MUST stop working and return home immediately taking necessary steps to avoid contact with others.</p> <p>Wherever possible, Whitewood Scaffolding operatives should travel using their own vehicle – 2-person max per vehicle. If public transport is necessary, ensure you are able to distance yourself by a minimum of 2 metres. Where this is NOT</p>	2	1	3

					<p>possible – STOP, LOOK, ASSESS, DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK – HOLD BACK.</p> <p>Onsite ensure you are always at a minimum of 2 metres away from any other operative/ person. If this is NOT possible – STOP WORK AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE SITE TEAM AND WHITEWOOD SCAFFOLDING PERSONNEL. DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK.</p> <p>Hygiene – Please ensure regular hand washing. The government advises that you wash your hands more regularly for 20 seconds at a time. You should not touch your face at any- time.</p> <p>Canteens and eating arrangements – always keep to 2 metres apart. Regular timely breaks are your right! If the principal contractor is unable to facilitate rest periods at a safe distance, then DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK – IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE SITE TEAM AND WHITEWOOD SCAFFOLDING PERSONNEL.</p> <p>Whitewood Scaffolding operatives must regularly use the anti-bacterial hand wash during the working day. Additionally, Whitewood Scaffolding Interiors should not use the fingerprint recognition on site.</p> <p>Whitewood Scaffolding personell must wear the correct PPE at all times, and ensure all re-usable PPE is thoroughly cleaned.</p> <p>Whitewood Scaffolding operatives are advised that, in the event they are required to go to the head office or to a supplier, they must phone ahead to ensure staff can prepare stock for you and maintain the recommended distance subject to the government guidance .</p>			
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<p>Lack of competent Management and Supervision.</p> <p>Not adhering to the clients Coronavirus and social distancing risk mitigation procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients, and members of public 	<p>Spread of the Coronavirus. Adverse health effects to workers and Managers.</p> <p>Not maintaining social distancing on the site or in the office / welfare accommodation.</p> <p>Managers or Supervisors specifying or allowing works that cannot adhere to the social distancing rule.</p> <p>Increased risk of accidents</p>	4	3	12	<p>The Whitewood Coronavirus Risk Mitigation Procedures for operational sites must be implemented and briefed to all employees before they start or re-commence work on site.</p> <p>All Whitewood Managers and Supervisors must plan works to ensure compliance with the above procedures, and client procedures at all times.</p> <p>Where social distancing cannot be achieved, works must not be carried out. No manager or Supervisor to instruct, encourage or allow works to take place that breach the social distancing 2m rule.</p> <p>All Managers and Supervisors must regularly check work areas to ensure the procedures are being adhered to at all times.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	2	3	6

<p>No industry accepted and recognised safe site operating procedures in place.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients, and members of public 	<p>Lack of consistency or clarity leading to unsafe conditions.</p> <p>Workers unaware of Government guidelines on travel or social distancing.</p>	3	5	15	<p>The Whitewood Site Operations Procedures (Construction Leadership Council based) must be implemented in full by the Whitewood site team. All items raised must be closed before work can commence on site.</p> <p>Whitewood employees and sub-contractors are expected to adhere to these procedures. Individuals once briefed on the site procedures will also be expected act responsibly by taking care of their own health & safety and not putting others at risk.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	2	3	6
<p>General group gatherings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients, and members of public 	<p>Contact with or contamination from an infected person.</p>	4	5	20	<p>The social distance policy on construction sites is achievable if the various risk control measures outlined in this Whitewood document, including in the aforementioned rows of this risk assessment are implemented and adhered to by sub- contractors.</p> <p>The Whitewood team will be reminded and educated, not to gather in large groups, and continue to execute a 2-meter social distancing rule.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	3	2	6
<p>Challenging conditions to avoid close</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients, 	<p>Breaching the 2m rule and increasing the risk of infections.</p>	6	3	18	<p>Works must be planned to ensure works are maintained at the recommended distance subject to the government guidance at all times.</p>	3	2	6

working.	and members of public					<p>Stairs should be used in place of lifts and hoists where possible. Operatives must give way on staircases or in corridors. Single / one-way routes will be established where possible and sensible.</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the frequency and time workers are within 2.0m of each other.</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the number of workers involved in all working tasks.</p> <p>Whitewood operatives will be positioned side by side or facing away from each other, rather than face-to-face.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>Operatives should avoid working closely together, face-face. If this is unavoidable, then ADL must ensure a permit to work is issued to SRM and signed by SRM prior to undertaking these activities. Such close exposure must be limited to 15 minutes maximum at any one time.</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>			
First Aid and emergency situations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives, employees, Clients, and members of public 	Workers being within 2m of each other.	5	2	10	<p>First aid for non-specified injuries should be self-administered where possible. Where this is not possible, appropriate RPE and PPE must be worn, and contact kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Emergency services should be called only when essential.</p> <p>All scaffolding operations will be undertaken within strict</p>	5	1	5

						<p>accordance with Governments and NASC guidance</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>			
<p>Loading/ Unloading Vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives 	<p>Workers being within 2m of each other.</p>	5	3	15	<p>Works must be planned to ensure works are maintained at the recommended distance subject to the government guidance at all times.</p> <p>Where possible, materials should be loaded/unloaded from vehicles by forklift or crane. The transfer of materials around site should also be carried out by mechanical means where possible. Manual handling of materials should only be undertaken if social distancing rules can be maintained.</p> <p>The banding/ unbanding of materials or the loading/unloading of bins should be carried out by one person at a time.</p> <p>Operatives should not approach or congregate around material storage areas, bins or racks unless social distancing rules are maintained at all times. All operations must follow the same health and safety requirements (including 2.0m minimum social distancing rules) as for work on site</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the frequency and time workers are within 2.0m of each other.</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the number of workers involved in all working tasks.</p> <p>Whitewood operatives will be positioned side by side or facing away from each other, rather than face-to-face.</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>	3	2	6

Scaffolding Erection/ Dismantle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives 	Workers being within 2m of each other.	5	3	15	<p>All scaffolding work carried out at height should be conducted in strict compliance with the current edition of SG4 'Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations'.</p> <p>An erection/ dismantling schedule should be discussed and agreed with the Principal Contractor or the client to minimise any disruption to the programme prior to works commencing.</p> <p>Works should be planned so that there is no requirement for two persons to pass within 2.0m of each other on a scaffold lift or in a confined area on site.</p> <p>Operatives should avoid work directly above or below each other as this arrangement does not afford the same protection as when positioned 2.0m apart horizontally.</p> <p>Materials transferred vertically should be lifted or lowered by the use of gin wheels, handlines or mechanical means (such as goods hoists, transport platforms etc). (Refer to SG9 and SG26 for further guidance).</p> <p>When lifting or lowering materials by means of gin wheels, operatives positioned on the ground must stand a safe distance away from the load so that they are out of the 'line of fire' of any potential dropped objects and that they maintain minimum social distancing requirements.</p> <p>Materials may be transferred or relocated on the same level, or to the next lift above, by being placed in a convenient position by one operative, who then retreats to maintain at least a 2.0m social distance. A second operative may then approach the materials to pick them up and transfer them elsewhere within the work zone.</p> <p>Other safe systems of work may be devised to suit different working situations and different types of scaffolds, but these</p>	3	2	6
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					<p>must always strive to facilitate the strict requirements of maintaining 2.0m social distancing at all times.</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the frequency and time workers are within 2.0m of each other.</p> <p>Whitewood shall minimise the number of workers involved in all working tasks.</p> <p>Whitewood operatives will be positioned side by side or facing away from each other, rather than face-to-face.</p> <p>https://nasc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NASC-COVID-19-Guidance-Issued-20-4-20.pdf</p>			
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Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Risk Mitigation Measures

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have had a suitable and sufficient briefing (in a format that I understand) on the procedures associated with safe working during the Coronavirus outbreak which are contained in this document and the risk assessment. I agree to bring any site conditions or situations that may make working in accordance with the social distancing 2m rule unachievable to my Supervisor or to a member of the Project team/ site management team. I also agree to adhere to the risk mitigation measures in this document which I am aware of. I will keep a 2m distance from other workers while carrying out our scaffolding operations works. I will step aside to allow people to pass where necessary at pinch points or staircases etc. I acknowledge there will be some jobs that cannot be done safely at this time.

First name	Surname	Signature	Company	Date