



### **AFI Covid-19 Good Practice Guidance**

The AFI has produced guidance for fencing contractors who are continuing to work erecting domestic fences or at sites not under the control of an external contractor with considerations to keep yourself, other workers and customers safe. This guidance includes information supplied by Build UK, the Construction Leadership Council and Public Health England and should be read in conjunction with current Government guidelines (full links below).

#### **When to work:**

- If work is essential and cannot be rescheduled.

#### **When not to work:**

- Anyone at increased risk of severe illness, classed as vulnerable or living with someone classified as either, is strongly encouraged to minimise contact outside the home and stringently follow social distancing guidelines – this may mean not working.
- Anyone displaying symptoms of Coronavirus – high temperature or persistent cough – or living with someone displaying symptoms should not attend work location but begin the Government recommended self isolation period.
- If you develop a high temperature or persistent cough while already on site you should:
  - inform your supervisor/ customers
  - return home immediately
  - avoiding touching anything.

#### **Travelling to jobs:**

- Ensure all team members travel in separate vehicles. Consider that this may mean capacity is needed for more than one vehicle.
- If separate travel is not an option, keep vehicle windows open and keep all journey shared with the same individuals.
- Clean vehicles regularly, specifically on surfaces that are touched regularly – door handles, steering wheel, gear stick and all passenger areas.

#### **On site:**

- Do not enter homes and use direct access to areas of work only.
- Maintain 2m social distancing from customers at all times.
- If on site with a working gang, maintain 2m social distancing, where possible, at all times including during any briefings.
- If 2m social distancing can not be maintained:
  - restrict team numbers and ensure teams operate with the same workers
  - consider using personal protective equipment
  - keep tasks to less than 15 minutes.
- If access to water is not available to wash hands for 20 seconds using soap and water, use a hand sanitiser:
  - after entering and exiting vehicles
  - after using shared tools
  - before eating or drinking.
- Regularly clean shared tools and equipment if tools specific to each worker are not available.

- Avoid touching your face.
- Do not take cash or cheque payments – this should be done by bank transfer to remain contactless.

The following sites have further details:

**Construction Leadership Council (CLC)** [Site Operating Procedures - Version 3](#)

**The Health & Safety Executive (HSE)** has set up a [website](#) for workers to report concerns about health and safety across the sector.

**The Public Health England (PHE)** guidance on [Social distancing in the workplace during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), which includes sections on [Construction](#) and the [Use of private vehicles and car pooling for travelling to work](#).

**The AFI** [website Coronavirus area](#) providing news, links and advice.

**Every Mind Matters** [advice and practical tips on looking after your mental health during this crisis](#).