**REOPENING YOUR BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19 CLOSURES: HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST.**

The first thing that an employer (or a designated competent person) should do before they reopen their business is **carry out a risk assessment.** This should include COVID-19 requirements and health and safety measures.

It should assess all the **risks that may have arisen during the period of closure**, such as overdue checks, deterioration of the building or equipment, and even new hazards created by COVID-19 controls. They should also consider any necessary information, instruction, and training for staff to cover new risks and how to follow control measures, as well as any overdue refresher training for health and safety.

**Date: Completed by:**

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| Fire Safety |
| Areas to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Housekeeping measures (e.g. waste procedures, storage for hazardous substances) |  |  |  |
| Fire alarm systems (e.g. manual alarm call points, visual alarms, pagers) |  |  |  |
| Escape routes and exits (including additional measures for vulnerable people) |  |  |  |
| Signage (e.g. direction signs, fire action notices, equipment signs) |  |  |  |
| The whole system (including detectors, emergency lighting, main control panel) |  |  |  |
| Extinguishers and blankets (e.g. physical condition and overdue checks) |  |  |  |
| New hazards (e.g. new hazardous substances) |  |  |  |
| Fire drills (due at least once a year and if there are significant changes) |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required? (Staff and fire wardens) |  |  |  |
| Additional notes: |
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| Asbestos Safety |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Asbestos-containing materials – has there been any degradation? |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required? |  |  |  |
| Additional notes: |
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| Legionella Safety |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Water systems, including past risk assessment information |  |  |  |
| Requirements for inspecting, cleaning, flushing out, and restarting |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required? |  |  |  |
| Additional notes: |
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| Electrical Safety and PAT Testing |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| General safety of electrical equipment (condition of wires, plugs, faultiness, etc) |  |  |  |
| Whole electrical safety system check – is it due? |  |  |  |
| PAT tests for any appliances used – are they due?  |  |  |  |
| Combined inspections and tests for equipment – are they due?  |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required?  |  |  |  |
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| Inspections, Maintenance, and Restarting Machinery |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Appliances, equipment, plant, machinery – are they due a statutory check? |  |  |  |
| General inspection of equipment before restarting |  |  |  |
| Checked manufacturer’s instructions and guidance |  |  |  |
| Procedures for restarting machinery safely |  |  |  |
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| Manual Handling Safety |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Considered LITE – load, individual, task, and environment |  |  |  |
| Have the capabilities of individuals changed? |  |  |  |
| Have lifting aids been inspected? |  |  |  |
| Has team lifting been affected by social distancing? |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required? |  |  |  |
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| COSHH Safety |
| Area to check | **Checked (Yes or No)** | **Any actions required** | **Further notes** |
| Existing controls for hazardous substances (e.g. safe storage) |  |  |  |
| Any new hazards (e.g. cleaning chemicals for COVID-19) |  |  |  |
| Is any information, instruction, and training required? |  |  |  |
| Additional notes:  |
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