

Risk assessment for the re-opening of Amada UK following relaxation of Covid-19 lockdown measures

Introduction

This risk assessment has been carried out to ensure compliance with the Health & Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and other associated legislation.

It follows the approach detailed in the Health & Safety Executive Guidance "5 Steps to Risk Assessment". The 5 steps are as follows:

- 1. Identify the hazards
- 2. Decide who can be harmed
- 3. Evaluate the risk, by determining the likelihood of injury and the severity of the outcome
- 4. Record the findings
- 5. Review regularly, and where there is reason to believe that the assessment is no longer valid

Scoring System

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CONSEQUENCE		2	2	4	6	8	10			
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	LIKELIHOOD									

<u>**Likelihood**</u> is ranked in terms of possibility of hazardous event happening:

- 1 Very unlikely (1 chance in 1 Million)
- 2 Unlikely (1 chance in 100,000
- 3 Fairly likely (1 chance in 10,000)
- 4 Likely (1 chance in 1,000)
- 5 Very Likely (1 chance in 100)

Consequence is ranked as:

- 1 Insignificant (no injury)
- 2 Minor (minor injury needing first aid)
- 3 Moderate (up to 7 days absence)
- 4 Major (more than 7 days absence)
- 5 Catastrophic (death)



RISK = LIKELIHOOD X CONSEQUENCE

17 – 25	UNACCEPTABLE Stop activity and make immediate improvements						
10 - 16	TOLERABLE Look to improve within specified timescale						
5-9	ADEQUATE Look to improve at next review						
1 - 4	ACCEPTABLE No further action but ensure controls are maintained						

It is the responsibility of the employer to reduce the level of risk to an acceptable level by introducing appropriate control measures as far as is reasonably practicable.

This should be done using the accepted hierarchy of control

- 1. Eliminate the hazard
- 2. Reduce the hazard
- 3. Prevent contact with the hazard
- 4. Safe systems of work
- 5. Personal protective equipment

Eliminating the hazard is not in our gift as it depends on the successful eradication of the virus in the entire population

We can reduce the hazard by killing the virus locally through the introduction of strict hygiene measures.

Preventing contact is our first weapon. Keep people apart so they cannot transmit the virus to another person. Staff with symptoms and those advised to self-isolate by the NHS Track and Trace Service must stay at home and isolate.



Safe systems of work are rules introduced in the workplace to enable staff to perform their duties without coming into contact with other people.

Personal protective equipment would be provided if any of the above measures are impractical or if an additional risk reduction is required or specific regulations require it.

THE ASSESSMENT

Hazard

The transmission of Covid-19 between people. Anyone attending the premises as an employee, visitor or contractor is at risk together with the wider public if the virus is transmitted away from the premises

Without control measures the calculation results in a high risk classed as unacceptable

Likelihood 4-5
Consequence 5
Calculated Risk 20-25

Therefore we must introduce control measures to reduce the likelihood of close contact between staff.

Avoid

At the start of the lockdown in the UK as advised by Government, the company took the extraordinary step of implementing Home Working for all staff able to do so. This measure had a negative impact on the normal business carried out by the company but was necessary to ensure the safety of staff while Safe Schemes of Work were developed for the office environment.

Staff with symptoms and those advised to self-isolate by the NHS Track and Trace Service must not come into the office but must stay at home and self-isolate.

Reduce

Ensure that staff are able to keep their distance from colleagues in the workplace and are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. Introduce social distancing measures to ensure that colleagues are always a minimum of 2 metres apart. Introduce one way pedestrian routes where practicable and mark safe zones around shared equipment and workstations. Ensure staff wash hands regularly and avoid touching around the face. Do not call unnecessary meetings.

Face masks will be available on request. Although their use will not be mandatory unless government guidance changes. This is because the key measure is to maintain social distancing.



Hazard

Touching a contaminated surface. Examples are paperwork, door handles, desks, chairs, keys, and tables, light switches, delivered parcels, vehicles, drinks machines, printers, franking, fold insert machine and other equipment.

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Likelihood 3-4
Consequence 5
Calculated Risk 15-20

Therefore we must introduce control measures to reduce the likelihood passing contamination to and picking up contamination from such articles.

Wash hands regularly, print less. Do not share desks. Leave doors open. Use less printing. Do not pass paperwork around. Handle deliveries carefully by wearing gloves and cleaning with disinfectant then leave in quarantine area for 72 hours if possible.

Provide sufficient cleaning materials to enable regular cleaning of surfaces. Each staff member is to have their own personal cleaning kit, including hand sanitiser, gloves, disinfectant spray and paper cloths.

Amada UK encourages staff to take up the Coronavirus vaccination when offered it by the NHS



Premises/Activity Assessed	Assessor's Name	Approved by	Date	Review Date
Amada Technical Centre / Working during Covid-19 pandemic	Tim Lloyd		29/03/2021	31/08/2021

Hazard	People at Risk	Existing Virus Controls	Risk			Further Controls		Residual Risk		
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Journey to work	 Employees Visitors Contractors Public	Walk or use your own private transport. Avoid car sharing. Avoid public transport if possible	1	5	5		1	5	5	
Selection of staff to return to work		Essential staff. Factory, refurbishment, showroom engineers and key managers to return first.	2	5	10	Remaining staff to return from 12 th April 2021 with social distancing and screens to prevent close contact.	2	5	10	
Main entrance.	 Employees Visitors Contractors Public	Keep inner reception door closed. Fob or remote access only. Social distance zone at reception counter. Visitors and contractors not issued with passes. Appointment only. Instructions issued to visitors prior to their visit	2	5	10		2	5	10	



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Reception desk	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Visitors and contractors not issued with passes. Hand sanitiser provided	2	5	10	Transparent screen erected at reception desktop prevent contact	1	5	5	
Visitors bringing in contamination from outside the premises	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Visitors wash hands on arrival and are restricted to reception area and the showroom	2	5	10	Safe system of work applies which is shared with visitors prior to arrival	1	5	5	
Contractors bringing in contamination from outside the premises	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Contractors wash hands on arrival and are accompanied to their work area by their host	1	5	5	Safe system of work applies which is shared with contractors prior to arrival	1	5	5	
Reception tables	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Chairs set minimum 2m apart Excess chairs have been removed. No drinks served. Hand sanitiser provided. Tables disinfected after each use by staff	1	5	5	Safe system of work applies	1	5	5	
Staff entering at the start of the day touching door handles	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Only key-holder enters by rear door. All other staff enter through automatic doors maintaining social distancing	1	5	5	Safe system of work applies	1	5	5	



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Staff bringing contamination on their hands	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Staff wash hands for 20 seconds immediately after entering the building	1	5	5	Staff proceed to the toilets on the floor on which they are working. Service Hub staff to use reception stairs. A maximum of two persons are allowed in each cloakroom at any time	1	5	5	
Transmission from person to person from infected respiratory aerosol (from sneezing, coughing, talking)		Staff advised to keep separation of 2 metres. Zones marked around shared equipment	1	5	5		1	5	5	
Staff potentially spreading infection by moving between offices	 Employees Visitors Contractors Public	Keep groups (cohorts) of staff separate. Departments to be split up and placed in different locations if they cannot work from home. Movement between offices to be kept to a minimum, Telephone/Hangouts to be used for meetings	1	5	5	Refer to "Coronavirus measures" document	1	5	5	
Picking up virus from a contaminated piece of office equipment		Use of the printer is discouraged. Touch surfaces to be cleaned with disinfectant before and after use	1	5	5	SSoW in place	1	5	5	



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Protection of 1st Aiders and their patients	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	Hand sanitiser carried in each 1st aid kit. Face shields and face masks issued to each 1st aider. Face mask given to patient also when possible. Gloves to be worn	2	5	10		2	5	10	
Member of staff exhibiting symptoms at work	 Employees Visitors Contractors Public	If any staff exhibit: a new continuous cough a high temperature a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) Staff member to go home immediately	3	5	15	Arrange a Coronavirus test and self-isolate as advised by NHS	1	5	5	
Member of staff exhibiting symptoms at home	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☑ Public	If any staff exhibit: a new continuous cough a high temperature a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) Staff member should not come to work	3	5	15	Arrange a Coronavirus test and self-isolate as advised by NHS	1	5	5	
External staff sharing "hot desks"		Hot desks have been removed. External staff not allowed in offices.	1	5	5		1	5	5	



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Transmission via tables and equipment in the staff canteen	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	Tables have been placed at 2m separation. Cleaning to be carried out before and after use. Fridge not to be used.	3	5	15	Drinks machine with disposable cups, as described in the SSoW. Microwave must be cleaned before and after each use, as described in the SSoW	1	5	5
Operating at close quarters in office	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	Alternate desks empty with chairs removed. Staff moved to alternative locations or continue to work from home if they are able to work safety & effectively	1	5	5	Screens will be used when required to accommodate more staff	1	5	5
Operating at close quarters in tool room (Factory)	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	Machine operating cells allow for social distancing. Partial one way routes have been set up to avoid crossing	2	5	10	Designate social distancing areas for operators with only one person allowed to enter according to the factory plan document	1	5	5
Operating in close quarters in refurbishment department		One designated person to work on each machine within a marked zone. According to the refurbishment plan document	1	5	5		1	5	5
Operating in close quarters in dispatch department	 Employees Visitors Contractors Public	Separate tasks so that social distancing can be maintained	1	5	5		1	5	5



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Contamination transfer from delivery drivers (couriers)	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	Delivery drivers stop on entry and do not enter beyond doorway. Hand sanitiser available should they need to use toilets	2	5	10	Mobile hand wash station installed in Despatch	1	5	5	
Contamination transfer from delivered goods	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	New deliveries to be handled with disposable gloves	3	5	15	In addition to gloves. Spray packages with anti-viral disinfectant and quarantine for 72 hours before opening.	1	5	5	
Contamination transfer from urgent delivered goods	☑ Employees☐ Visitors☐ Contractors☐ Public	Handle goods with disposable gloves while unpacking.	3	5	15	Spray unpacked items with anti-viral disinfectant wipe with paper towel and repack for dispatch immediately	1	5	5	
Use of the lift		The lift is for use of disabled persons only. Maximum one person at any time. Hands washed before and after use	1	5	5	SSoW - Sign on each outside door and on control panel	1	5	5	



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Meetings & conferences	☑ Employees☑ Visitors☑ Contractors☐ Public	Avoid face to face meetings. Use telephone or video conferencing even across the office. (Google, zoom, skype etc.) If necessary use meetings rooms with small numbers of people. Chairs placed at 2m distance. Cleaning kit provided for use before & after meeting	1	5	5	Refer to "Coronavirus measures" document. SSoW printed in each room	1	5	5	
Shared company vehicles		Use of pool vehicles is controlled by the Fleet Manager. Hygiene kit is kept in each vehicle to enable disinfection of controls, door handles seats visors etc.	1	5	5	Refer to safe system of work (Company van)	1	5	5	
Field staff visiting customers' premises		Sales & service staff should observe social distancing and hygiene measures when visiting customers. Masks are provided to wear when meeting clients	1	5	5	Observe any additional requirements implemented by clients.	1	5	5	



Further Action Required

Action	Assigned to	Target Date	Date completed
Share document with management team	Tim Lloyd	6/04/2021	
Share with returning staff	Tim Lloyd	12/04/2021	
Review document as required	Tim Lloyd	31/08/2021	