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Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Current government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines are that anyone who can reasonably work from home should do so.

The restrictions and when they will change may be different in England, Scotland and Wales. See full government guidelines for:

- England – coronavirus guidance on GOV.UK
- Scotland – Scottish Government coronavirus guidance
- Wales – Welsh Government coronavirus guidance

If working from home is not possible, employers might:

- put staff on furlough
- agree to staff using holiday or unpaid leave

1. Workplaces that must stay closed

Many workplaces must stay closed because of current restrictions.

See the latest government guidelines for:

- England – businesses and premises that must stay closed on GOV.UK
- Scotland – Scottish Government guidance on business closures
- Wales – Welsh Government guidance on business closures

Working from home

For staff working from home, the employer should:

- pay them as usual
- keep in regular contact
- check on their health and wellbeing

Find more advice about working from home.

Workplaces that can be open

Where workplaces are allowed to be open and staff cannot work from home, it's important for everyone to follow working safely guidelines.

Find out what to do if someone is worried or not able to go to the workplace.