



COVID-19

ADVICE & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PORTABLE TOILET & SHOWER HIRE

Organising and adapting your event or building site sanitation requirements amidst the COVID-19 pandemic may be more challenging than under normal circumstances, but it doesn't have to be insurmountable and we have listed below some advice and recommendations to assist with your planning.

- Conduct a full specific risk-assessment for your event or site highlighting all key touch-points and pinch-points.
- Signposting such as floor markers are critical for managing social distancing and queues to ensure two metre distances is maintained between people queuing to use the facilities, as well as for indicating one-way routes, or 'one-in, one-out' policies for accessing toilets and showers.
- Signs and posters should also be displayed throughout the site to build awareness of good handwashing techniques and COVID-19 symptom checker.
- The number of people using toilet facilities at any one time will need to be restricted or more facilities installed and you should wash your hands or hand sanitise before and after using the facilities.
- Consider closing off urinals and sinks so that people cannot stand next to each other whilst using the facilities.
- Hand sanitiser stations are a practical, affordable and obvious way to maintain hygiene standards at the entrance to the site and also near the toilets or in areas where food is prepared or served.
- Ensure you wash or sanitise hands before and after using the facilities.
- Segregate staff and customers where possible to limit the overall number of people using individual loos—consider 'bubbles' of people having access to specific facilities. A simple way to manage a bubble is to ask people to only use facilities for their surnames (ie, 'this loo is for surnames A-E, etc). This will help reduce any self-isolation requirements to a particular bubble only should anyone become ill with COVID-19.
- Hot water hand washing with soap and paper towels should be provided if possible around catering areas.
- Adequate supplies of soap, hand sanitisers, paper hand towels and bin liners should be kept on site.
- For portable loos consider providing cleaning wipes within the loo so that the users can wipe them down prior to leaving.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes for toilet facilities particularly door handles, locks and the toilet flush needs to be implemented.
- More frequent cleaning is recommended for chemical portable toilets.
- Rubbish bins for hand towels should be provided along with an enhanced removal and disposal process.
- Where shower and changing facilities are required, setting clear use and cleaning guidance for showers, lockers and changing rooms to ensure they are kept clean and clear of personal items and that social distancing is achieved as much as possible.
- For events, sourcing one overall event cleaning contractor to be responsible for the cleaning of all equipment (bars, toilets, etc) will ensure that the entire site is kept clean to the highest standards and provides one point of accountability.
- For events, a designated COVID-19 First Aid area with a separate Accessible WC that can be cordoned off should be considered for use by anyone suspected to have COVID-19 and a process put in place for dealing with a potential outbreak.

Useful sources

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/points-of-entry-and-mass-gatherings>

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