



Covid 19 has changed the world we live and work in. Construction and Utility Installation will not be able to operate in the same way as prior to the pandemic and contractors and clients both will need to adapt to the new working environment. The industry must take time now to fully review its operating procedures in light of the most up to date guidance available for each jurisdiction that companies operate and only return to site once every aspect of the relevant guidance has been fully and demonstrably embedded. As a responsible employer, MTA Drill Tec Ltd consider it our responsibility to ensure compliance with statutory health and safety legislation to the best of our operational ability - **Before commencement of works a Covid 19 risk assessment should be carried out.** Please note all existing health and safety legislation must continue to be complied with to ensure safe working practice.

**No work should be undertaken if it cannot be delivered in full compliance with the applicable guidance.**

As per the Construction Leadership Council Site Operating Procedures (SOP) in relation to work planning to avoid close working, consider whether that activity needs to continue for the site to continue to operate, and, if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to **reduce the risk of transmission.** If you are not able to work whilst maintaining a two metre distance, you should consider whether the activity should continue and, if so, risk assess it using the hierarchy of controls listed in the SOP and against any sector specific guidance.

One control where face to face working is essential to carry out a task when working within 2 metres is "Consider introducing an enhanced authorisation process for these activities". One possible method of implementing an enhanced authorisation process is a **permit to work within 2m.** Please note in certain circumstances this should be kept to 15 minutes or less where possible – a template for the permit to work within 2m is included within this electronic pack.

The approach taken on working sites during this pandemic will continue to evolve as the government and medical advice is updated – the policies and working procedures adhered to by MTA Drill Tec, Principle Contractor and Client personnel will be issued in line with this advice, as and when it is issued.

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