



Covid-19 Risk Assessment

As a trustee, or pastor, of the flock, you have a duty of care to protect people from harm. This includes taking reasonable steps to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 during public worship. This is called a risk assessment and it will help you manage risk. You need to consider:

- Identifying what activity or situations might cause transmission of the virus.
- Think about who could be at risk.
- Decide how likely it is that someone could be exposed.
- Act to remove the activity or situation, or if this is not possible, control the risk.
- How to track incidents in an accident log book in accordance with the Health & Safety policy for the church/circuit

Below is an **EXAMPLE** of part of a Covid-19 Church Risk Assessment for assessing the current Covid-19 risks in your local church. As each church is different in its size, facilities and congregational makeup, it will be for you to decide on the potential risks in your own local churches and how these may be removed or minimised.

This example risk assessment is not intended to cover every risk scenarios and so each church should consider their own unique circumstances.

A couple of examples have been provided below for how you might approach the completion of your risk assessment. The Re – Opening of Building checklist should give you some further areas to consider including in your risk assessment. As you start to complete your risk assessment you may identify other areas of risk to be included.

Once you have fully completed your risk assessment, you will be better informed as to whether you are able minimise the risk of spreading the corona virus in your local church and therefore make a decision as to whether you are able to safely reopen your church.

It would be advisable to put a copy of your completed risk assessment on your church notice board to give confidence to church members and visitors.



Name of Church	Address	Date of Initial Assessment	Assessment undertaken by	Area of building Assessed	Assessment Review date	
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><i>E.g.</i> Not adhering to Social Distancing Rules</p>	<p><i>E.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church Members ● Visitors ● Cleaners ● Contractors ● Children 	<p><i>E.g.</i> Ensure individuals and family groups maintain a 2 meter distance from others at all times in order to comply with current government guidance.</p>	<p><i>E.g.</i> You will need to rearrange seating to ensure that social distancing is maintained. You will need to calculate the reduced number of people that can be in the building and ensure that systems are in place to ensure that this number is not exceeded. Consider how people move within the building, especially when leaving or entering the building. Consider leaving in rows or family groups without lingering.</p>			



<p><i>E.g.</i> Hygiene control to reduce the risk of infection</p>	<p><i>E.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pastors ● Ministers ● P&W Teams ● Areas of public use etc 	<p><i>E.g.</i> Minimise shared use of equipment where possible to minimise the spread of infection this could include microphones, use of pulpit</p>	<p><i>E.g.</i> Regular washing of microphone foams Supplies of sanitisers for entry and exit of church Reduce the number of people using the pulpit or consider not using a pulpit to reduce risk No sharing of tambourines, bibles or hymn books etc Regular cleaning of surfaces between services and regular deep cleaning regime Use of face masks during service Suspension of alter calls and laying of hands</p>			
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