

NZ Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe

WorkSafe approach to Level 4 lockdown

WorkSafe have made changes to the way they operate to make sure they keep their people safe and that inspectors do not carry infection between workplaces.

Inspectors will be proactively contacting essential service PBCUs by email, phone, or video conference to make sure they:

- have the information they need to manage the risk of COVID-19 transmission via work activities, including what, if any, PPE may be needed
- are engaging with their workers on how to manage the risk of transmission and other related risks, such as aggression from customers
- are putting appropriate controls in place and monitoring the impact of those controls

Notifiable events must still be reported, although WorkSafe's capacity to respond may be reduced. They are asking that you only call the 0800 number if someone is **at serious risk of harm** or has been **seriously injured, become seriously ill, or died** as a result of work.



You need to ensure that:

1. You ensure that you have a COVID Management Plan in place to minimise the risk of transmission via work activities (link [here](#)).
2. Train workers in the requirements of your site COVID Management Plan.
3. Review the WorkSafe advice on their COVID-19 approach [here](#).

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.