



CONSTRUCTION
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Reminder about Physical Distancing

Construction workers, workplaces, and worksites are expected to comply with the physical distancing requirements of two metres (six feet).

The following information provides advice on how to maintain the appropriate level of protection, with respect to the hazards posed by COVID-19 and the orders issued by the Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia.

Complete a hazard assessment.

Evaluate the workplace and individual activities in relation to the potential of exposure to COVID-19. This should reflect the differences that can occur from one worksite or activity to another.

Review safe work procedures.

Review established safe work procedures to identify work that may need to be altered. Review jobs, tasks, and situations that have potential for the spread of COVID-19. If work can't be performed safely by employees closer than two metres, employees are still expected to practice social distancing as best as they can.

Identify jobs that can't be completed with social distancing.

The reasoning needs to be clear and the work requiring two or more people working within two metres of each other must be clearly outlined. Steps still must be taken to avoid the potential spread of COVID-19.

PPE should be considered a last option.

PPE should be considered only when other controls were not possible. If used, it must be supported by a safe work practice that speaks to the care and use that reflects COVID-19.

NOTE: The above information was communicated to the construction sector from Deputy Minister of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, Duff Montgomery and Dr. Strang's Public Health team.