

Pandemic-Prevention - CoVid-19 Risk of Infection

Specific Aspects for SHCC at Construction Works

The central task of the Safety and Health Construction Coordinator (SHCC) is to identify the common and comprehensive risks, to coordinate the collective safety measures, to organize the monitoring of implementation in order to ensure the effectiveness and if required to enhance it.

Therefor the ISHCC is especially in the actual situation of CoVid-19 pandemic to contribute essentials for the protection of the health of the staff of construction sites.

The typical additional risk of construction sites compared to most of the other working places can be identified as follows:

- Many companies at one working place
- Employees with changing working location
- Very frequent (and border crossing) traveling from residence to work place(s)
- Temporary often provisional social rooms and devices
- Cultural discrepancy of the standards of hygiene

The specific risk of infection results therefor from:

- Person out of regions with increased risk of infection
- Insufficient hygiene devices and inadequate hygienic behaviour of the employees

ISHCCO recommends for ISHCC to set a focus to this main risks:

- Employees out of risk zones or infected	Identification of and inhibition of the presence at the site
- Insufficient hygiene devices	Facilitating with sufficient washbasins (water, soap & paper towels and skin car)
- Narrow staff rooms	Allocation of sufficient large staff rooms in order to ensure the recommended distance in between persons, on particular for non- working times and fir food intake

As the responsible SHCC take also account of the national specifications and coordinate them the internal instructions of the companies involved.

ISHCCO recommends the information relevant information by EU-OSHA: <https://osha.europa.eu> or <https://osha.europa.eu/en/highlights/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak-and-workplace-safety-and-health>