

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**



The COVID-19 pandemic has forced all businesses to re-assess the safety of their staff and customers and we at SFS Fire are no different in that we have followed government guidance to minimise, as best as possible, the impact of any exposure to our staff, our customers, and the wider community.

Along with the general fire industry, SFS Fire Engineering Ltd staff are deemed “key workers” by Her Majesty’s Government and therefore we have continued to operate while maintaining the highest of safety standards along with a common-sense approach, in that work will continue if

- It can be carried out under the guidance issued by Public Health England
- It can be undertaken without any compromising on safety and health
- It is in accordance with the Site Operating Procedures
- Workers can travel safely and responsibly to customer’s premises/sites

Now, at long last there is now a flickering of light at the end of the tunnel, with the continued roll-out of the vaccine together with a phased easing of lockdown restrictions. A new normal may soon be upon us.

Despite the easing of restrictions many, many, businesses are still dealing with the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, with staff still remaining on furlough and buildings still closed, but it is important to remind you that to remain compliant with British Standards, The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and insurance necessities, most premises will still require routine maintenance, along with reactive maintenance, in the coming months, even while restrictions are still in place.

Whilst most people are still required to not travel unless for an essential reason and are therefore working remotely, and your premises may still have limited staff onsite, it could be a logical time to undertake, or complete project, or maintenance works with minimum disruption to occupants. All our operatives adhere to a strict health and safety code, which is compliant with government guidance, have the required PPE and will work in a manner which minimises risks to all parties. We constantly review the works booked for our technicians and liaise closely with our customers for their site specific requirements for COVID-Safe work practices.

As our motto is “Your Safety... because we care”, SFS Fire Engineering is committed to maintaining the fire safety in your workplace throughout the year and especially during these unprecedented and difficult times. We will continue to support our customers with planned preventative maintenance, emergency call-outs, fire protection works and fire risk assessments.

Customers must remain vigilant regarding fire safety within their premises and your ‘Responsible Person’ should still ensure that weekly testing of fire alarm systems, monthly ‘flick’ tests of emergency lighting systems and monthly visual inspections of fire extinguishers are carried out.

We are available and happy to answer any queries you may have.

As the Government guidance and advice changes over the coming weeks, we will make any necessary adjustments in line with that guidance and will notify you accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding during these difficult times.

From all at SFS Fire Engineering Ltd, we wish you and your colleagues well and please continue to stay safe.

