



Safety Alert

Safe Removal of Gloves

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This SLB has been updated to remove RPE information that is provided through the [Safety Bulletin 501](#) and [Risk Assessment Guidance Document](#)

Information for employees during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Lockdown Period

If you are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as part of your daily activity, please take a moment to remind yourself of the safe wearing and removal of gloves to ensure you minimise the risk of cross-contamination.

[Extract from Public Health England video for removal of gloves.](#)

Removal of PPE

PPE should be removed in an order that minimises the potential for cross-contamination. Gloves, overalls, then eye protection should be removed (in that order, where worn) and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Key Information:

The transmission of COVID-19 is thought to occur mainly through respiratory droplets generated by coughing and sneezing, and through contact with contaminated surfaces. The predominant modes of transmission are assumed to be droplet and contact. Ref: Public Health England.

Hand hygiene remains a critical way in which to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and therefore you should ensure regular hand washing is undertaken: [Best Way to Wash Your Hands](#)

Government advice on [Social Distancing](#)



Please click on the picture above for the safe removal of gloves poster

Learning Points

- All employees working during the lock down period to have read and understood the COVID-19 Risk Assessment Guidance Document
- Line Managers to review activity-based risk assessments to reflect any changes required to control risk levels
- Disposable gloves should be disposed of appropriately after each use.