WORK SMART
WORK HEALTHY
BUILDING TRADES & COVID-19

The Minnesota Building Trades work in partnership with contractor employers to ensure the health and safety of all trades workers on building construction projects.

During COVID-19, construction contractors continue to be responsible for providing a safe workplace and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for all tradesworkers on building construction sites. As of June 29, 2020 construction contractors are also required to develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. It is also recommended that each building project site have a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

Additional resources can be found here:
Stay Safe Minnesota: Guidance and Resources for Employers
OSHA: COVID-19 Control and Prevention for Construction Work
CDC: What Construction Workers Need to Know about COVID-19

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLANNING

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Every contractor and building site should develop and implement a plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Important elements of a building project COVID-19 preparedness plan include:
- COVID-19 awareness and training
- How the project and jobsite can best achieve social distancing
- Appropriate health screening of individuals entering the jobsite
- Cleaning, disinfecting and hand hygiene practices

Preparedness also includes building trades members taking personal responsibility for their own health and the health of their coworkers to please...

Stay Home If You Are Sick

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLANNING

It is important that each contractor and building project develop a plan in the event someone associated with a job site has symptoms or tests positive with COVID-19.

Important elements of a building project COVID-19 response plan include:
- Determining how the project will respond in the event of a suspected or positive COVID-19 test
- Communicating with the individual, close contacts, and the rest of the construction project workforce
- Contact investigation strategies
- Providing appropriate COVID-19 leave benefits
- Return to work procedures

All contractors and trades on a building project site should work together to prepare for and respond to COVID-19.