



Risk Assessment Form – COVID-19

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

This is a **generic Risk Assessment** for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation in the context of the delivery of climbing and mountaineering activities. It is not likely to cover all scenarios and other employers and employees and sub-contractors should consider their own unique circumstances.

Government Advice for Employers regarding COVID-19 can be found here at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Note: Guidance differs between devolved administrations, and the rest of the UK. Advice is also different in other countries of our operation such as France, Switzerland and Italy. All guides and instructors should be familiar with the **current** local guidance relating to the country of operation.



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What is the hazard?	Who might be harmed?	How might people be harmed?	Existing risk control measures	Risk rating			Additional controls	New risk rating (Residual)			Action/monitored by whom?	Action/monitored by when?
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Transmission of COVID-19 during outdoor activities	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.	May contract covid-19.	Any guides, instructors or clients exhibiting symptoms (before or during) to self isolate for 14 days	2	2	4	Suspend activity. Admin Control: clients developing symptoms following course/trip to inform MA Ltd.	1	1	1	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
	Any of guides, instructors, clients or public in higher risk groups or with under-lying medical conditions	At higher risk of contracting covid-19 with under-lying medical conditions.	Any guides, instructors or clients exhibiting symptoms (before or during) to self isolate for 14 days	2	3	6	Medical Information Form / Booking Form pre-screening. Suspend activity.	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.



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	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.	May contract covid-19.	Maintain social distancing measures e.g. 2 metre spacing as much as is reasonable and practicable	2	2	4	Adjust plans to avoid busy areas to ensure social distancing measures can be maintained.	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
Transmission of COVID-19 by equipment, or food/snacks etc	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients	May contract covid-19.	Guides, instructors and clients to supply own equipment / food / snacks / drinks wherever possible.	2	2	4	Guides, instructors and clients to provide own hand gel and maintain hygiene	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients	May contract covid-19 by handling the same equipment.	Guides, instructors and clients to limit transfer of equipment wherever possible	2	2	4	Guides, instructors and clients to provide own hand gel and maintain hygiene	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
Transmission of COVID-19 during travel	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients	May contract covid-19 in confined spaces of vehicles or public transport.	Limit travel where possible. Follow guidance on use of facemasks on public transport.	2	2	4	Travel separately and meet outside or at prearranged RV's.	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls. Clarify facemask guidance by 15 th July (start of ops).



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Transmission of Covid-19 in public areas: Busy car parks, accommodation, shops and catering establishments	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.	May contract covid-19 in public areas	Follow guidance from other establishment . Be mindful of social distancing in public areas.	2	2	4	Have flexible plans, consider change of plan to avoid busy areas or bottle necks where social distancing may be difficult.	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
Transmission of Covid-19 in Huts / Ski Lifts e.g. Alpine Huts and ski cabins.	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.	May contract covid-19 in public areas	Follow guidance from operators. Be mindful of social distancing in public areas.	2	2	4	Have flexible plans. Consider different venues to avoid busy areas of bottle necks where social distancing may be difficult.	1	1	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
Transmission of Covid-19 during safety critical situations e.g. accidents, social unrest, marauding terrorist firearms incident, fire etc	Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.	May contract covid-19	Critical safety situations / issues should take precedent over social distancing etc. e.g. breaking social distance to intervene with client belaying, or evacuating a hut due to fire.	2	2	4	People involved in the provision of assistance to others should pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards, including washing hands.	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted guides or instructors.	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or duration of covid-19 controls.
First Aid	Any guides or instructors	May contract covid-19	Try to assist at a safe distance from	3	2	6	People involved in the provision of first aid to others should	1	2	2	JT, any subcontracted	Ongoing for duration of guiding contact and/or



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	Any of 2 clients Any guides or instructors Any of 2 clients Any number of public in same location.		the casualty as much as you can and minimise the time you share a breathing zone. If they are capable, tell them to do things for you, but treating the casualty properly should be your first concern.			pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards, including washing hands. CPR guidance: https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/		guides or instructors.	duration of covid-19 controls.
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