

Site Safety and Inspection Measures



SCOPE

The intent of this handout is to establish an understanding about the Development Services inspection needs and expectations during the COVID-19 outbreak so that your project can receive the necessary inspections while considering the health of Kirkland employees. As an owner, project manager or contractor, your understanding of the needs and expectations of the City of Kirkland noted in this handout will help us create positive outcomes including:

- Completion of required inspections in an efficient and timely manner
- Minimized delays to construction activities and inspections
- Health and safety considerations of employees

On April 24, 2020 Governor Inslee issued an addendum to his Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order (20-25), which establishes Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements. The addendum allows for construction to resume if in compliance with the Phase 1 requirements.

INSPECTIONS

Contractors or owners who request inspections should notify the city in advance if anyone on the job site or in the building area where the inspection will occur has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 (fever of 100.4 F, shortness of breath, productive/uncontrolled cough, prolonged sore throat), but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Based on this information, city management will determine if the City can perform the inspection as scheduled and will ensure inspectors are prepared to use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

1. Inspections will only be performed on existing sites that have an established a) Permit with an issued date prior to March 23, 2020 b) is needed to fulfill an obligation under a contract effective prior to March 23, 2020 and are actively implementing social distancing and sanitation measures as outlined in Governor Inslee's Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements.
2. For each inspection, provide an on-site escort for the inspector. The duties of the escort include:
 - a. Inform the workers on site in advance that an inspection of the work will be made and that they are to provide a safe distance (6 feet minimum per social distancing requirements) from the inspector.
 - b. Always keep workers a safe distance from the inspector and the inspection location.
 - c. Assist the inspector, as required, in order to complete the inspection.
3. Prior to requesting an inspection, review the work, making sure it complies with the permit conditions, the Engineering Standards, and the approved plans.
4. Confirm that all work requiring inspection is complete and ready for inspection. This will help eliminate any unnecessary visits to the site.

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5. Provide the inspector with safe access to the work area requiring inspection. Inspectors have the right to refuse an inspection if the area or access to the area is unsafe or poses a threat to their health and safety based on the precautionary practices defined by the Department of Labor and the Washington State Department of Health. An unsafe site will result in inspection delays.
6. Under the authority of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) will enforce these COVID-19 jobsite safety and health requirements. Complaints may be submitted to the L&I Call Center (1-800-423-7333) or via e-mail to Linda Adame at adag235@lni.wa.gov.
7. General questions about how to comply with construction safety practices can be submitted to the state's Business Response Center at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2562f1caf5814c46a6bf163762263aa5>.

All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted via at:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/09349a1c56844b539fea1c2cabd16d56>

We appreciate your help to achieve the shared goal to provide for the safety and health of all individuals at work areas during this unprecedented time.

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<https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-rules/enforcement-policies/DD170.pdf>

HAVE A QUESTION?

Please ask your inspector. They're here to help.

- Building Inspections: 425-587-3600

WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

- www.mybuildingpermit.com