Good ventilation helps you reduce the spread of COVID-19

Why ventilation is important

- Coronavirus can spread through the air
- Adequate ventilation reduces the amount of virus in the air
- It helps reduce the risk from aerosol transmission (breathing in small particles)

What ventilation is

- Ventilation is the flow of fresh air through a space
- It can be natural ventilation (open doors or windows) or mechanical (fans and ducts), or a combination of the two

Assess the risk of poor ventilation

- Risk assessment helps you identify workspaces with poor ventilation
- Look for rooms with windows and doors that can't be opened
- Think about spaces that become overcrowded, feel stuffy or smell bad
- Consider using a CO_2 monitor to identify poor ventilation

Improve natural ventilation

- Open windows, vents and doors (but not fire doors)
- Air rooms frequently by opening windows and doors wide between use
- Make sure you aren't overcrowding spaces
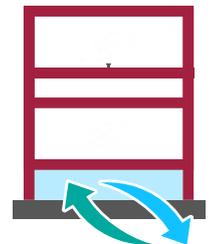
Using a mechanical system

- If you can't get enough natural fresh air, consider introducing a mechanical system
- Check that anyone managing your systems understands how they operate
- Check any mechanical ventilation systems are working correctly to maximise fresh air
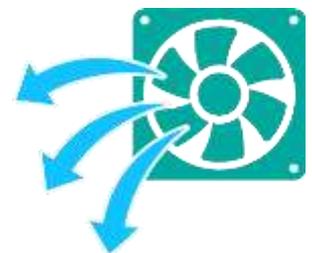
Talk to your workers

- Let your workers know why ventilation is important
- Explain how they can play their part

Find out more

Take steps to improve ventilation:
Ventilation during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

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