

LEGAL RECCOMENDATIONS FOR BUSINESSES RE-OPENING AS BUSINESS MEETING SPACES AND FILM PRODUCTION STUDIOS FOR THE GREAT RE-OPENING JANUARY 30TH AND ONWARDS

Introduction

The guidance proposed below forms the basis of a strong defence against any legal proceedings against yourself or your business. As you may understand, this is a unique area and so both authorities and businesses are constantly learning about interactions within this field. Further relevant communication on legal advice will be sent as more information arises from lawyers, solicitors and barristers we are in communication with.

Section 1

Our recommended legal guidance is as follows. It is based around authorities recognising that you are adhering to the:

1)The Coronavirus Act 2020

Specifically, 'Schedule 22, Part 2, Paragraph 6 (1), (a)preventing, protecting against, delaying or otherwise controlling the incidence or transmission of coronavirus.' Your completed risk assessment proves this.

Your risk assessment will also provide evidence that your business is providing the essential service of a business meeting or a professional film production studio with attendees either being part of a business meeting or being part of a cast, film, podcast or photo shoot.

2) A sufficient risk assessment being present and visible.

Present your completed risk assessment clear attached to a window/ door. Make sure this is clear to see and visible at all times. Make sure that you have several printed copies to pass through letterboxes.

SAFETY AND GUIDANCE

Instructions for following these guidelines are detailed below. If these are followed correctly, in co-ordination with your refusal to let authorities enter the property without a signed warrant from your local council, authorities will have no clear legal route to gain access to your establishment. If no crime is being committed then access to your property is unlawful.

It is crucial that your establishment is locked at all times, with no access being possible. We highly recommend any people that wish to attend your business meeting or take part in your film production studio business come through a secondary entrance and leave through that area also.

It is highly recommended that any communication or interaction with authorities is done by the management of the business. There is no necessity to identify yourself or anyone else within the business as the manager of the establishment or answer any questions in regards. Employees of the business have the right to remain silent.

Section 2

1) Ensure that any moments where you consider any third party interloper to be acting unlawful is filmed for proof of the crime.

2) Reject any fines on the basis that you have no understanding of the fine being given and no belief that you have breached any laws or regulations.

3) Silence between authorities is recommended at all times except to direct them to your visible risk assessment and to your assurance that you are adhering to the Coronavirus Act 2020 through your risk assessment.

4) Refuse to engage in personal conversation with any authorities and simply direct them to your completed risk assessment and state that under your understanding you are following the regulations of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

5) In addition, ensure that anyone entering your property refuses to speak to any authorities or third party interlopers in relation to any of occurrences in relation to your establishment in anyway whatsoever, and to reject any fines on the basis that you have no understanding of the fine being given (see section 4) and no belief that you have breached any laws and/ or regulations.

6) Let any authorities know you will be operating under the essential service of a 'business meeting' if your premises were previously known as a 'pub, restaurant, cafe' or a similar service. If your business is none of the mentioned, you will instead be operating as a 'professional film production studio'.

If these are followed correctly, in co-ordination with your refusal to let authorities enter the property without a signed warrant from your local council, authorities will have no clear legal route to gain access to your establishment. If no crime is being committed then access to your property is unlawful. The hire or purchase of any film production equipment for example tripods or microphones will be advised to establish an efficient film studio.