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Support for home builders to manage COVID-19: HIA

HIA has released the *Making space on site: Site Induction for COVID-19* to support home builders, renovation builders and trade contractors manage the new health and hygiene requirements in response to COVID-19.

“HIA’s *Making space on site: Site Induction for COVID-19* provides a simple, no cost solution for a builder to help their trades and suppliers confirm they are taking the steps needed to protect themselves and their co-workers,” explained Kristin Brookfield, HIA Chief Executive Industry Policy.

“HIA has also released the HIA *Making space on site: homeowners guide* for consumers. The Guide will help builders to give their customers peace of mind that building work can still proceed and that the builder is taking the steps needed to prevent COVID-19.

“Business as usual for builders and their customers changed almost overnight and it was important that HIA moved quickly to support members with simple and effective ways to manage their safety needs and reassure their customers work can continue.

“The HIA *Making space on site* package now includes two industry guidelines – one for new home sites and one for renovation and repair sites. These guidelines are available in five languages – English, Korean, Chinese-Mandarin, Hindi and Vietnamese – as downloadable site signs.

“A site induction is a key part of the on-site management of a building site allowing a builder to communicate with everyone working on their site about the rules and expectations.

“Using the HIA Safescan QR code to supplement a builders site induction processes provides a contactless way to manage trade contractors, suppliers and anyone else visiting a building site.

“The response from our members to the *Making space on site* package has been overwhelmingly positive.

“Members have been sharing the guidelines with their teams, with their supply chains and with their customers. Members are sharing the positive message on social media and sending us their photos of the guidelines on their site, alongside the protective equipment they are making available.

“We know our members are working tirelessly to ensure they can meet these new requirements in every part of their business - on-site and off-site.”

More *Making space on site* tools will be released shortly to support home builders keep their sites open and deliver new homes and renovation projects.

To get a copy of the Making space on site tools visit [HIA's COVID-19 webpage](#).

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