

ASP Safety Alert Operating, Installations & Emergency Response

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Subject: Requirement for fitted face masks for construction sites in NSW

Key Messages

You must now wear a fitted face mask in all indoor areas of construction sites.

Dear ASPs / Electricians / Customers

PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19 TEMPORARY MOVEMENT AND GATHERING RESTRICTIONS) AMENDMENT (No.4) ORDER

The NSW State Government has deemed it necessary to introduce further restrictions in order to control the Delta strain of the COVID-19 virus.

As a result, the above mentioned Health Order amendment has been made and can be accessed [by this link](#) which came into effect from 5.00pm on 9 July 2021.

Of particular relevance, is that on Friday 9th July 2021 at 5:00pm the exemption for wearing of a mask on construction sites in NSW was withdrawn.

This Health Order mandates the need for face masks to be worn in all "Indoor Areas" on construction sites in NSW.

This includes indoor sites where Ausgrid may be performing essential services for you or our customers such as Switch rooms / Plant rooms / Chamber substations / Site offices / Commercial & Residential premises including basements, Carparks etc.

All ASPs / Electrical Contractors / Customers are requested to read the new Health Order and ensure that they abide by its conditions as you perform your daily activities on sites where Ausgrid are present.

Where non-compliance with the Health Order is observed on a site where our employees are present i.e. face masks are not worn when indoors, our employees have been requested to Pause until all persons within the immediate vicinity are compliant with the health order before the work will commence, or the job will be cancelled. **This includes maintaining social distancing at all times.**

When working outdoors you must wear a mask where you cannot maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from our staff and anyone else working on site.

Can you please ensure you share this with your employees, customers, electrical contractors, or sub-contractors for whom we may interact with on site.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time while we all continue to perform essential works.

If you have any questions please email aspauthorisations@ausgrid.com.au. A copy of this notice will also be published on our website.

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