



BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE
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MORE HELP TO HALT TO BUSINESS EVICTIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The Government has issued a new code of practice to support shops and local firms as they plan their recovery. It has extended measures to prevent struggling companies from eviction over the summer. The new code of practice has been developed with leaders from the retail, hospitality and property sectors to provide clarity for businesses when discussing rental payments and to encourage best practice so that all parties are supported. You can find it all here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-commercial-property-sector>

The govt had already prevented evictions up until June 30th. Now the Coronavirus Act will extend the time period for suspension of the forfeiture of evictions until September 30, meaning no business will be forced out of their premises if they miss a payment in the next three months.

Also secondary legislation preventing landlords using Commercial Rent Arrears Recovery unless they are owed 189 days of unpaid rent is extended from June 30th to September 30th

An amendment to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill has been tabled which will extend the temporary ban on the use of statutory demands and winding-up petitions where a company cannot pay its bills due to coronavirus until 30 September. Find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-provides-further-halt-to-business-evictions-and-more-support-for-high-street-firms>

FACE COVERINGS are now compulsory on all forms of public transport and when visiting hospitals. If you don't comply, the police can prevent you from travelling and have powers to fine you. The government has published designs on how to make them yourself e.g. out of an old T shirt. The details are here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

SAFE WORKING GUIDANCE It's worth checking to make sure you will be compliant if you are opening up a business. There will be enforcement notices if it becomes clear that you haven't done it and unannounced spot checks by the authorities will take place, resulting in fines for breaches. **THE COVID-19 SECURE GUIDELINES ARE HERE:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

A whole set of Government guidelines for businesses is to be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE FOR PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS has produced a collection of documents to help which you will find here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/opss-coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-business-and-local-authorities> These tell you all sorts of things about cleaning and sanitising products, the standards concerning face coverings and there are guides specifically directed towards small businesses and also others to help larger concerns.

If you need to get information, advice or need to apply for loans from **Breckland District Council** here is the link: www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus

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