

As lifts are considered an enclosed space where people come into very close proximity with little chance of practicing the social distancing, we have all been advised to adhere to. Therefore, when using lifts, it is strongly recommended care is taken to protect yourself and others from the spread of the virus at this challenging time.



### 1. Avoid direct hand contact with push buttons/lift car surfaces

Due to the advice from Public Health England and other organisations that the virus may persist on hard surfaces for several days unless suitably disinfected, the best thing to do is avoid touching these surfaces wherever possible:

- When operating lift push buttons on landings or within the lift car, it is advisable to use gloves or an item such as a pen or pencil to operate the button.
- If you use your bare hands, avoid touching your face and ensure the hand washing guidance is followed.



### 2. Avoid close contact

If the lift is full of passengers, it may be advisable to wait for the next one or even take the stairs, if you are able to do so.

The restrictive sizes of the lift car may prevent your ability to stay the recommended two meters from the other passengers, so in that instance, a safe respectable distance should be maintained.



### 3. Regular cleaning of surfaces

During this time of high risk, cleaning regimes should be upgraded in both frequency and potentially the products being used to ensure the virus is neutralised sufficiently.

All surfaces of the lift should be thoroughly cleaned in line with the lift user instructions, ensuring care is taken whilst using liquid cleaning products on electro-mechanical components such as car and landing pushes.



### 4. Escalator safety

Covid-19 may also survive on escalator handrails therefore the same rules as lifts apply. Where the advice for lifts is to reduce contact, for safety reasons when using escalators, you are advised to hold the handrail for stability. However, in a bid to reduce exposure to the virus, we recommend the following measures:

- If possible, wear tight fitting gloves
- Do not wrap loose items around either your hand or the handrail, that could get caught in the moving parts of the escalator
- If you use your bare hands, wash them thoroughly as soon as possible after using the escalator
- Ensure the recommended two metre distance is maintained during use