



Guidance for homeowners requiring blinds, shutters, and awnings during the COVID-19 pandemic

The British Blind and Shutter Association is the UK trade association for the window blind industry and has been raising standards and offering guidance and support for over 100 years.

On May 10, the UK government advised that businesses in certain sectors should return to work. The BBSA supports this advice as long as it is safe to do so. Advice provided by the UK government - in particular the guidance titled 'Working safely during the Covid-19 in other people's homes' - clearly details the requirements for both the tradesperson and the client.

As a leading trade association, we have provided our members with specific guidance to help them decide whether work can be carried out safely and the measures they need to consider implementing as they return to business.

The BBSA advises the member and the client should work together to ensure any activity (be that surveying, advising, or installing) can be completed safely for all.

What you can expect from a BBSA member:

- ✓ Detailed preparation for safely working in a pandemic situation
- ✓ Providing detailed information of the safety requirements to the client before any visit to homes and other premises
- ✓ Checking the health status of clients and others who may be resident at the property
- ✓ Regular review of and compliance with national and country-specific guidance and regulations

In these unprecedented times we encourage a flexible and collaborative approach to agreeing on, and carrying out, all work.

This information is only intended to give general and preliminary guidance. Members and their clients should refer to government and other official guidance to determine when and how to work.