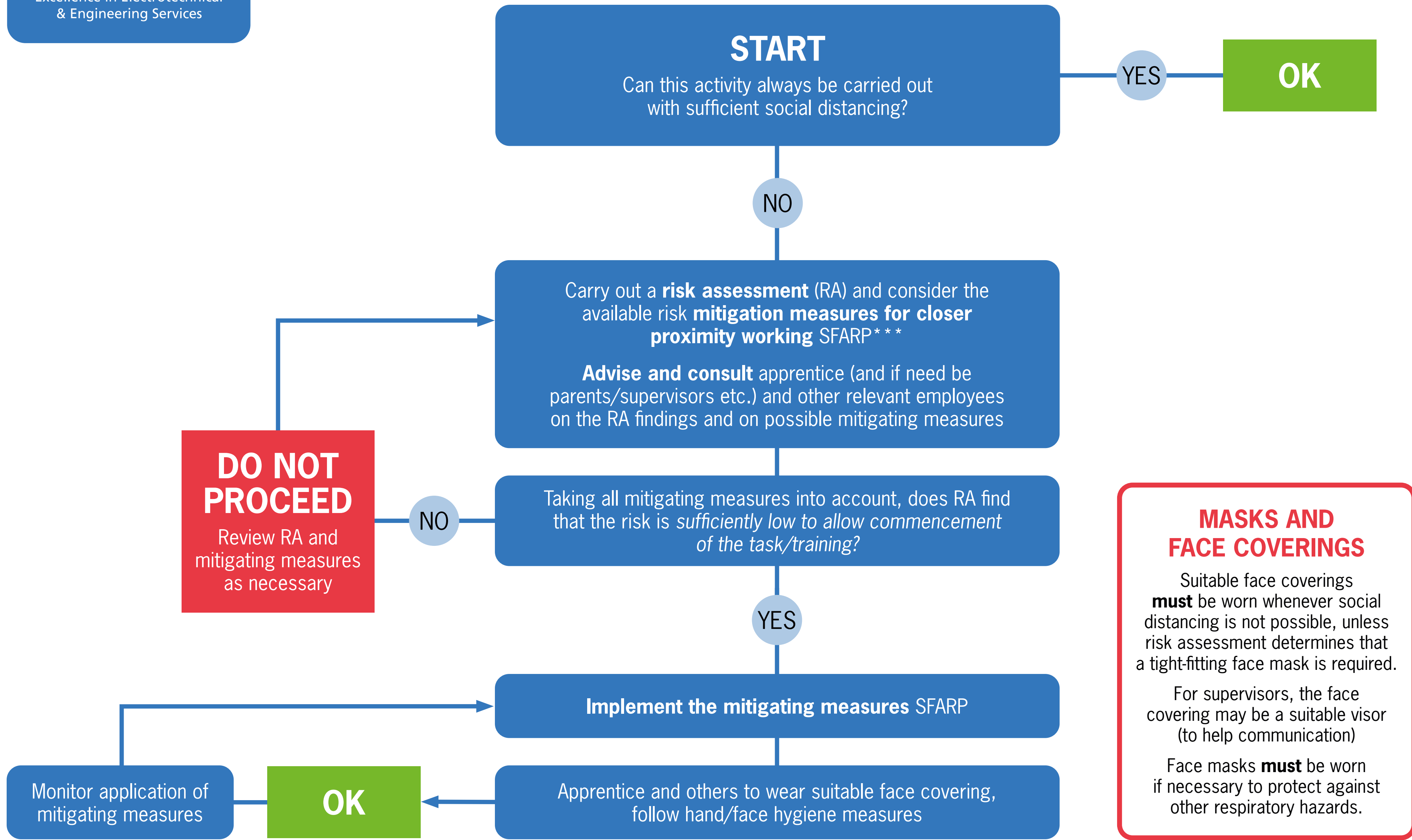




Site Tasks/Training: close proximity activity

(for an apprentice that is not symptomatic or otherwise Covid19 compromised)



MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Suitable face coverings **must** be worn whenever social distancing is not possible, unless risk assessment determines that a tight-fitting face mask is required.

For supervisors, the face covering may be a suitable visor (to help communication)

Face masks **must** be worn if necessary to protect against other respiratory hazards.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

*Cleaning surfaces

Clean all work surfaces and equipment that is commonly touched, using hand sanitiser (60% alcohol or usual low hazard cleaning products).

Remove cleaning materials, other waste and single-use PPE and ensure there are suitable waste disposal arrangements.

Ensure hand washing or sanitisation before and after each task, and during if need be.

Do not share equipment.

**Pairing

As far as possible, establish worker pairs – or if that is not possible, teams or shift groups – so that where close proximity activity is unavoidable, it occurs between the same people.

***SFARP: mitigating measures

SFARP means 'so far as is reasonably practicable (HSW Act 1974)'

In addition to face coverings, possible mitigating measures may include:

- Reduce frequency and duration of the task/training at close proximity, wherever possible
- Minimise the number of people involved
- Ensure, even when within 2m, that the maximum distance possible is maintained
- Enable workers to work side-to-side (not facing) whenever possible
- Ventilation: increase the flow of fresh air (e.g. opening windows)
- Clear screens to separate workers from each other, if possible (e.g. flexible lightweight plastic sheets).
- Increase the frequency of workers' hand washing and surface/equipment cleaning*
- Reduce number of workers each person has close proximity with by using 'fixed pairs/teams or partnering' (so a person works with only one other, or a few others)**
- Introduce 'permit' system if need be (authorised safe system of work) – this may include a designated supervisor (e.g. compliance champion).
- Regular reminders to apprentice and others about following all risk reduction mitigation measures.