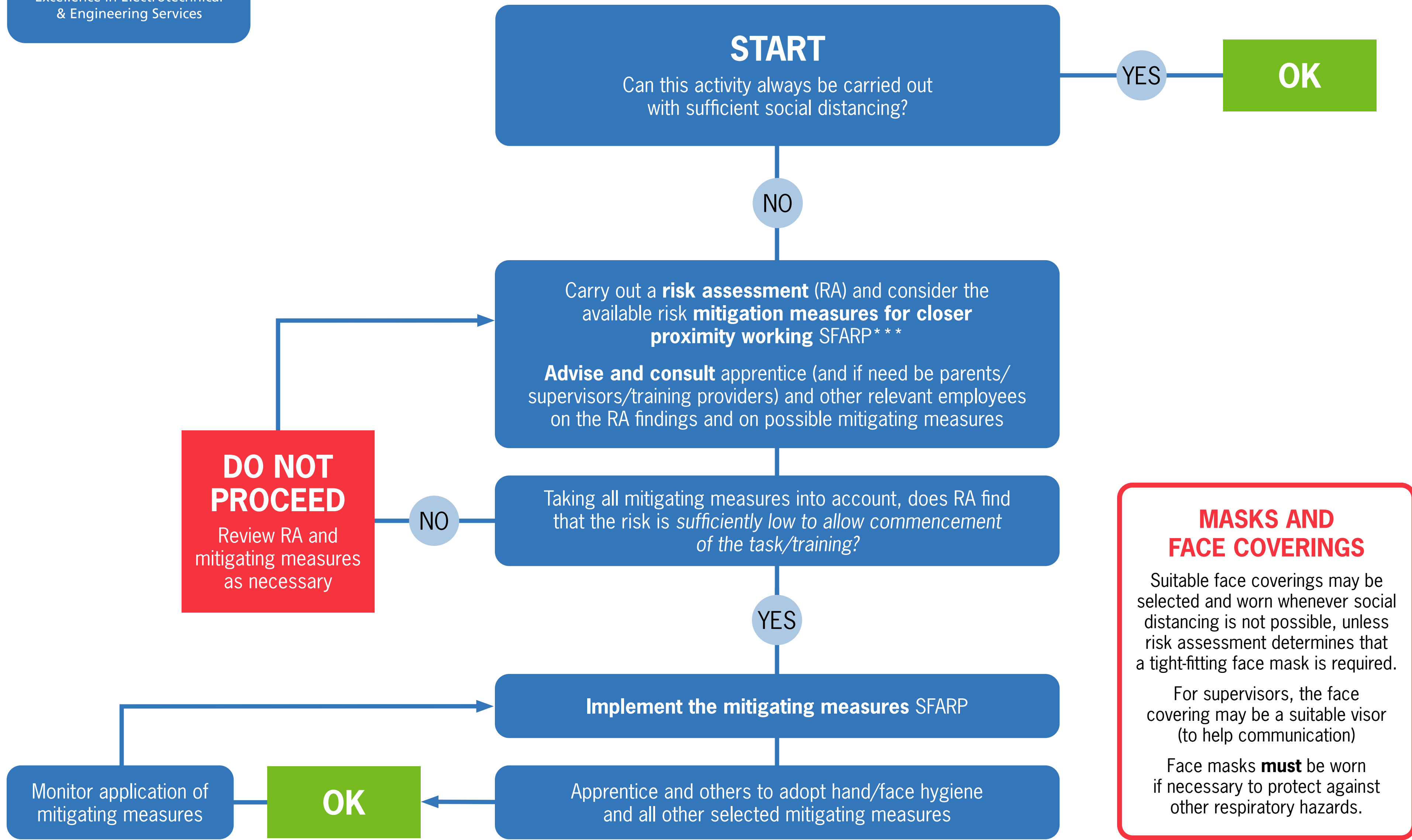




Site Tasks/Training: close proximity activity

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



MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Suitable face coverings may be selected and 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 selection and use of 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.