

Health and Safety Operating Protocols

Doorstep canvassing



INTRODUCTION

In order to secure the health and safety of individuals when doorstep canvassing, the Liberal Democrats will ensure that all representatives undertaking this activity are appropriately briefed on the risk and control measures detailed in this procedure.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all employees and volunteers who are knocking on doors canvassing as part of their activities for the Liberal Democrats.

PROCESS

These requirements address the risk of individuals either transmitting or contracting the Covid-19 virus. All identified individuals are required to comply with this procedure both to protect themselves and others in the community.

Canvassing

- Anyone who is symptomatic or sharing a household with anyone symptomatic must not leave their house and should follow national guidance.
- All canvassers must wear a face covering and carry hand sanitiser to use regularly.
- No campaigners should meet with others inside or outside. Groups of no more than 6 will be allowed from 29th March as long as social distancing is maintained.
- Distribution of canvass packs should be pre-arranged. Packs should be collected from a pre-agreed outdoor collection point or left on doorsteps or posted through letterboxes.
- Campaigners will all have their own equipment when out canvassing.
- Campaigners should approach the doorstep alone, ring the bell/knock on the door and then step back to a 2 metre distance.
- When the door is answered be sure to identify yourself - it may not be obvious because of your facemask.
- Campaigners may not enter private homes and only one person should enter any blocks of flats or shared hallways, unless it is unsafe to do so.
- Campaigners must leave a leaflet with the Fair Processing Notice on by leaving it on the doorstep or posting through the letterbox once the door is closed. These should not be handed person to person.

NOTE

These protocols may at some point be superseded by government guidance which will always take precedence.

The British Safety Council worked with the Liberal Democrats Campaigns & Elections Management Team to help us develop Covid-19 risk assessments and control measures necessary to manage the risk of possible transmission.