

# NEW LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

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There are once again changes to lockdown rules across the home counties.

Further restrictions in England; lockdown in Wales a new system announced last week in Scotland. Restrictions have been published and are set to be revised on the 16<sup>th</sup> November In Northern Ireland.

In all cases where there is doubt over whether your Shed should open or close, we strongly advise you ask your local authority. There are differences in what is and is not allowed in each tier for each region.

The government rules are clearly about keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus so that we can all meet again soon in safety. While we await further clarity, this is what we do know.

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**In England** there will be a full lockdown from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. At this point there will be a review of the situation.

This lockdown suggests that activities undertaken in Sheds should cease on all premises. It is a return to much of the regulations we experienced from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July.

As we understand it, there are some differences regarding Shielding etc, we will seek further clarity in this along with other aspects. At the same time we hope to re-launch support for Sheds to re-open and keep people connected.

We realise this is a really challenging time for people and there have been some terribly tragic events during this period. We encourage everyone to stay safe and stay connected.

**In Wales** there is a Lockdown until 9<sup>th</sup> November then new guidance will be issued. Rules prior to the new lockdown were subject to local restrictions being put in place.

<p><b>Meeting friends and family outdoors</b></p>	<p>Up to 30 people can meet outdoors with no limit on the number of households from 3 August.</p> <p>From 23 October to 9 November gatherings with people outside household will be banned.</p>
<p><b>Meeting friends and family indoors</b></p>	<p>Up to four households are permitted to join together to form one exclusive 'extended household'. A maximum of six people (not including children under 11) from an extended household may meet indoors.</p> <p>People should not enter each other's homes outside extended household.</p> <p>From 23 October to 9 November gatherings with people outside household will be banned.</p>

**In Scotland** the rule of six applies with only two households being allowed to mix. This is a real challenge for Sheds trying to open. There is now a five-tier system that has been introduced to manage local restrictions.

<p><b>Meeting friends and family outdoors</b></p>	<p>A maximum of six people from two households will be able to meet (children under 12 not included)</p>	<p>A maximum of six people from two households will be able to meet (children under 12 not included)</p>
<p><b>Meeting friends and family indoors</b></p>	<p>From 23 September people may not meet people from other household inside people's home.</p> <p>Groups of up to six people (not including children under 12) from two households can continue to meet indoors in public spaces.</p>	<p>From 23 September people may not meet people from other household inside people's home.</p> <p>Groups of up to six people (not including children under 12) from two households can continue to meet indoors in public spaces.</p>

In Northern Ireland the guidance seems to allow 15 people to meet in a public space outdoors, however there are restrictions indoors and local rules apply.

<b>Meeting friends and family outdoors</b>	<b>Public gatherings:</b>  Up to 15 people from different households can meet in a public setting.  Private gardens: No more than six people from two households can meet in a private garden, with an exception for bubbles formed of two households that can meet in a group of a maximum of 10 (children under 12 are not included in this total). Overnight stays are not permitted unless part of a bubble.  Local rules apply in some areas.
<b>Meeting friends and family indoors</b>	<b>Public gatherings:</b>  Up to 15 people can meet in a public indoor setting.  <b>Private dwellings:</b>  Households are not permitted to mix in private dwellings, with the exception of bubbles formed of two households who can meet in groups of a maximum of six (children under 12 are not included in this total).  Local rules apply in some areas.

Note available information is updated on a regular basis.

For any further information refer to your independent government guidance pages. The Institute for Government website where comparisons can be found is - <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/explainers/coronavirus-lockdown-rules-four-nations-uk>

If in any doubt we advise you take caution.

We will continue to offer as much support as possible.

Stay safe.