

RSC's response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has left an unprecedented impact on the RMG Sector both globally and domestically. As the COVID-19 crisis continues to escalate through its second wave, the RSC has been working with its stakeholders to improve the scenario with better outcomes. Delivering work orders in due course, while maintaining a COVID-19 risk-free workplace has been a challenge for the supplier factories. Subsequently, on 06 September 2020, the RSC resumed its fire, electrical and structural safety inspections at the covered factories amid COVID-19 pandemic, so that the compliant factories can maintain their work order deadlines.

RSC has already urged its covered factories to prioritise their workers' safety. In doing so, the covered factories have been provided with a COVID-19 checklist and factories were requested to utilise the labour-management factory safety committee to communicate these measures to workers. In addition, factories are required to provide pictorial evidence to ensure these practical measures are taken and maintained in order to prevent COVID-19 infections. Should the factory take all these measures, the RSC dispatches its engineers for relevant structural, electrical and fire safety inspections at the factory. All RSC engineers/employees were also instructed to take necessary safety measures to mitigate the risks of disease transmission during safety inspections.

	
<p>Temperature Checkpoint</p>	<p>COVID-19 Awareness Poster</p>

As a part of minimising risk factors, the RSC has commenced a fully virtual Safety Committee Safety Training (SCST) programme for the factory workers and management and already completed thousands of safety training sessions (5166 sessions till September 2021).

Since mid-2013, Bangladeshi RMG factories have demonstrated significant improvements in workplace safety. The goal of RSC is to carry forward these significant accomplishments through delivering world-class workplace safety programmes. The RSC firmly believes that through its long-term commitment and dedication it will not only mitigate the impact of this COVID-19 pandemic but also will help to improve the GDP growth in Bangladesh.