



COVID-19 BUILDING SAFETY DECLARATION

This form can be used by congregations to self-declare that their buildings are safe to reopen following the closure of places of worship on 5 January 2021. This form should only be used by those congregations which have reopened their church buildings since the initial lockdown in March 2020, **AND** who have already submitted their reopening of church buildings checklist and Covid-19 risk assessments to Presbytery, **AND** who have undertaken weekly inspections of their church buildings since 5 January 2021. A separate building safety declaration must be completed for each church building. If you do not fall within this category, then please refer to the Church of Scotland website: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/reopening-and-looking-after-your-church-buildings>

Name of Congregation	
Presbytery	
Church Building	
Church Building Address including Postcode	

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Description	Yes	No	Comments
General Administration – If you answer no to any of the following questions, then the congregation must complete the full reopening of church buildings checklist and Covid-19 risk assessment and submit this to Presbytery for approval.			
1. Did this building reopen after the first lockdown in March 2020?			
2. Did the congregation submit a reopening of buildings checklist to Presbytery before reopening?			
3. Did the congregation submit a Covid-19 risk assessment to Presbytery before reopening?			
4. Has a representative of the congregation carried out a weekly inspection of this building since 5 January 2021?			
5. Has the congregation reviewed and updated their Covid-19 risk assessment in preparation for the reopening of their church building on or after 26 March 2021?			

Declaration – by signing this declaration, the congregation is confirming that they have complied with requirements of this declaration and that they will provide Presbytery with a copy of their weekly buildings checklist and reviewed/updated covid-19 risk assessment.	Name	
	Position	
	Date	