



Our changing workplace

We find ourselves in a strange situation which is changing our daily life, our habits, and inevitably, our ways of working. Although most people are working from home where possible, more and more companies are preparing for their employees to return to the office.

Social distancing rules are there to protect us all. But they pose real issues when considering reopening and keeping everyone safe.

Every company wants to create an environment that's safe for their employees, so how do you create an office environment where employees will feel safe and healthy when they return?

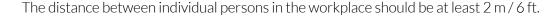
That's why now is a good time to look for solutions that will support social distancing, without moving too far away from the connected, productive workspaces or incurring additional cost.

While workplace strategies are changing, we do believe that the physical workplace will continue to play a critical role coming out of this crisis. We are experiencing very rapid social and technological innovation, but we still need to be proactive and human-centered in our approach to workplace strategy, taking care of our people and their need to stay safe.



Companies need to get ready for employees to return to work and health and safety concerns are high on the agenda. Step by step we are moving into a new normal, with social distancing and good hygiene the priority.

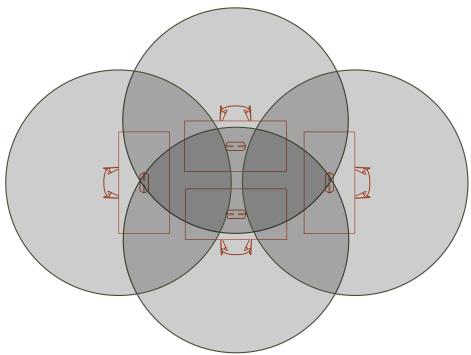
To prevent a virus and bacteria from spreading, good hygiene, both of the individual and at the workplace, is more important than ever. The World Health Organisation states that the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and others is to keep distance, wash your hands regularly, make sure your surroundings are clean and follow the guidelines of your local government



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These guidelines must be incorporated into re-designing any office space. Changing seating arrangements will minimise office density. Also, staggering working times and working shifts should all be considered. Use screens or barriers to separate people from each other and adopt back-to-back or side-to-side working (rather than face-toface) whenever possible.





The whole world is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and the working world is especially affected. Many employees will continue to work from home. However, for some companies this is not a feasible long-term solution. As companies prepare, as best as possible, for the return of employees back into the office, changes to an existing furniture layout is a quick and cost effective solution.

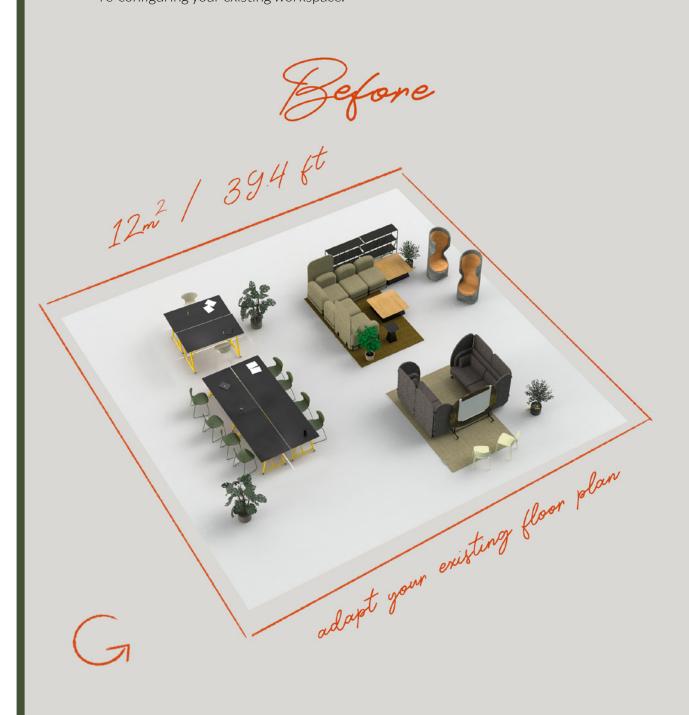
By making basic adjustments to the spacing, orientation, boundaries, and flexibility of your workspace, you can encourage people to maintain an appropriate physical distance from one another.

Looking for solutions to office layout, existing Frövi furniture can be used to:

- 1. Re-configure a space
- 2. Go mobile
- 3. Create solo working stations
- 4. Easy clean surfaces
- 5. Zoning creating more private spaces

Here we explore new perspectives on Frövi product design that provides mobility in the workplace, allowing for our products to be re-configured or moved into new settings.

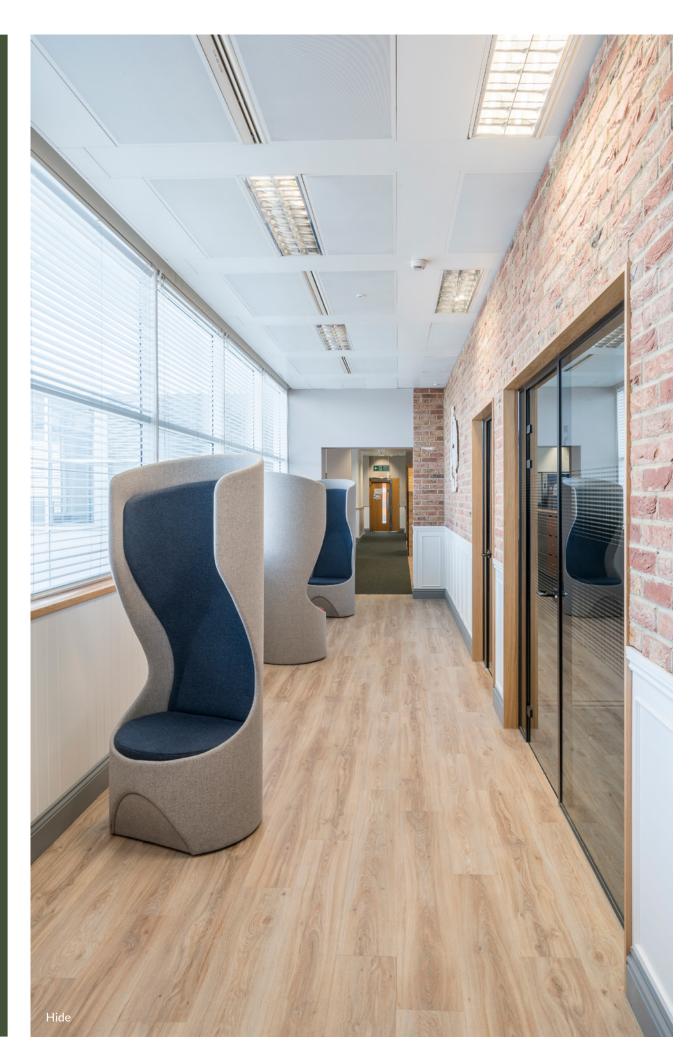
Consider the overall "flow" of a space. People like to move around fluidly; they don't just stay at individual workstations. Redesigning how people flow throughout a space can impact both the likely social distance needed between people and the amount of time they spend in certain places, highlighting the areas to focus on first to improve overall safety. Think adaptability instead of permanent, fluid instead of fixed when re-configuring your existing workspace.



use taller products to create barriers







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Solo Working

To avoid face-to-face working arrangements, one person or solo working areas can be created. Employers will also need to consider how frequently work areas, equipment and surfaces in common areas will need to be cleaned to prevent virus transmission.

Creating a solo working area enhances privacy for individuals, making them feel safe and protected from others. They can work completely independently and with minimal disruption.

Our Hide product provides a place to solo work, with great acoustic properties. This compact and adaptable product can fit into any location. Hide provides the perfect getaway space, true solo working within a re-configured workspace.

Shown on this page: Hide



Home Sofa High Single Seater with Laptop Table



Laptop Table in Vintage Brass



Laptop Holder



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Solo Working - continued

You can create many solo working areas by including our laptop table or laptop holder to any existing seating arrangement. Moving furniture around to maintain social distancing and then adding a laptop holder enables people to easily work on their own, sitting well away from anyone else.

Replacing existing two or three seater sofas with single seaters is another way of creating solo working areas in traditional breakout spaces. Our Home Single Seater is perfect with the addition of an attached laptop table: creating isolated space for one person to work.



Re-configure

Flord is a fully modular sofa system: any existing layout can be re-configured into new layouts and settings, adding in new modules if needed.

Flord was designed to be easy to assemble and configure which makes it great when trying to maintain the openness and inclusivity of an L-shaped sofa plan. In a matter of minutes, Flord can be re-spaced to achieve a breakout zone with social distancing implemented. Flord tables and screens are great for creating divides and breaks in the system.

By re-configuring the furniture, you accommodate the same density of people in the space, whilst maintaining social distancing.



Products included in before and after:

- 1 x Flord Right-Hand Single Seater
- 1 x Flord Left-Hand Single Seater
- 3 x Flord Straight Single Seater
- 2 x Flord 900 Screens
- 2 x Flord Coffee Table
- 1 x Flord Side Table
- 2 x Foundry 120 Shelves

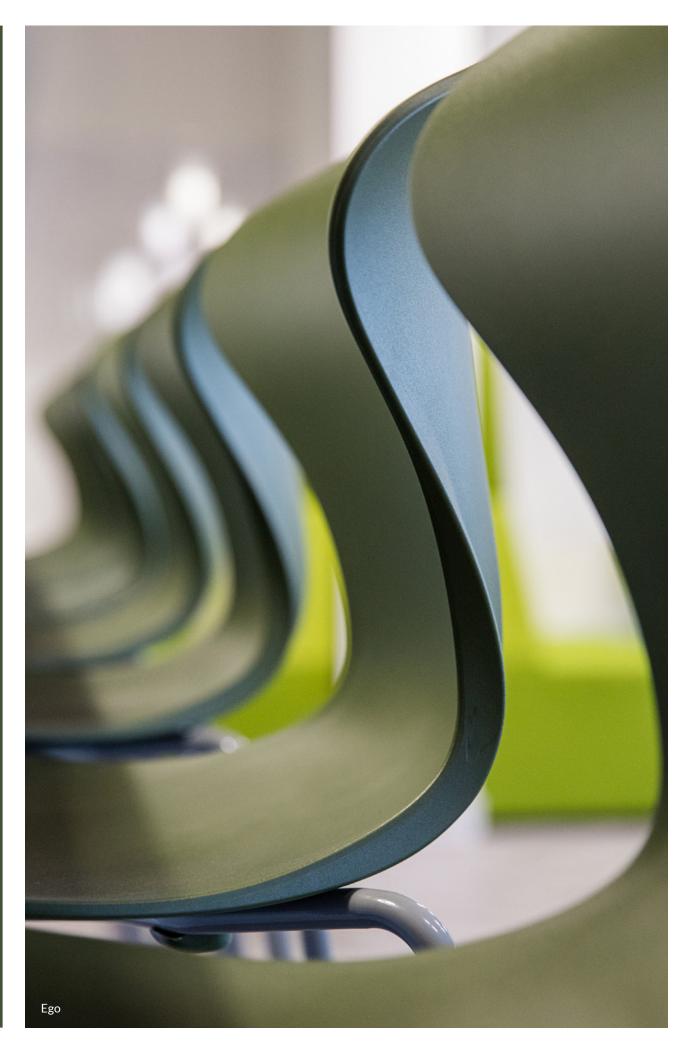
use tables or shelves to divide space



tall screens provide privacy & protection



create 2m /6.5 ft zones around seats



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Easy Clean

All companies will need to provide a hygienic work environment to help make people feel safe and confident to return to their workplace.

Integrating materials and finishes that will help people stay safe should be top of mind as you make updates to your workplace. When re-designing your workplace or replacing furniture, consider the cleanability of the material, and if the material will be used in a high touch area. Good examples include coated materials, polyurethane or silicone. The polypropylene seat shell on the Ego Chair can be easily cleaned and stacked away when seating is not needed.

Materials like leathers/faux leathers and plastics that are easy to clean gain in relevance. Wood can be considered a good option: a warm natural material, comforting to touch, yet hygienic and easy to clean. Self disinfecting materials and surfaces like brass, copper and other metals, should be considered.

We have updated our fabric matrix to contain protection information on our fabric range. We now highlight if the fabric contains anti-microbial / anti-bacterial or anti-fungal properties.

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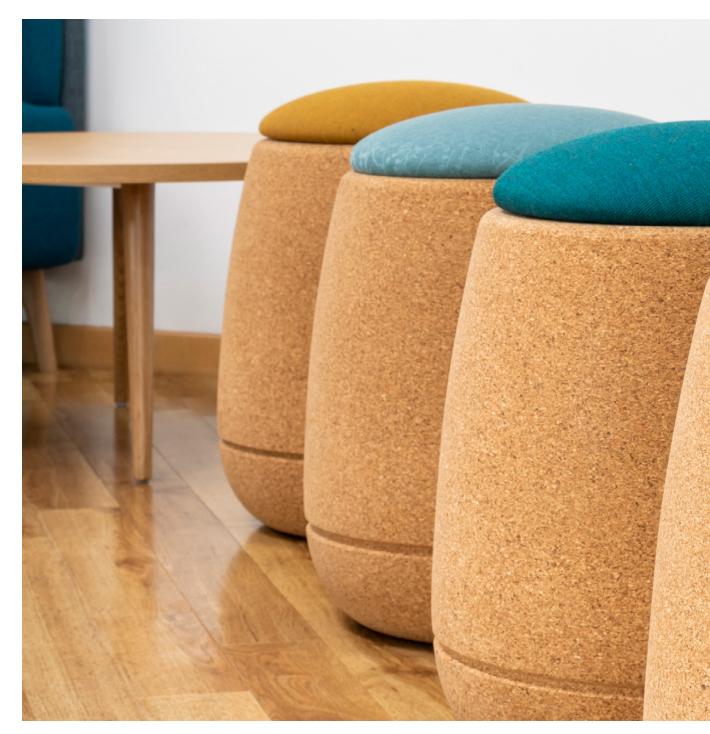




Easy Clean - continued

Cork is Self-Cleaning. Cork is naturally antimicrobial and antibacterial — it contains compounds called Phenolics which kills bacteria and fungus. Cork naturally repels odours and emits a very subtle woody fragrance.

Our Grow Stool is solid cork and 100% recyclable.



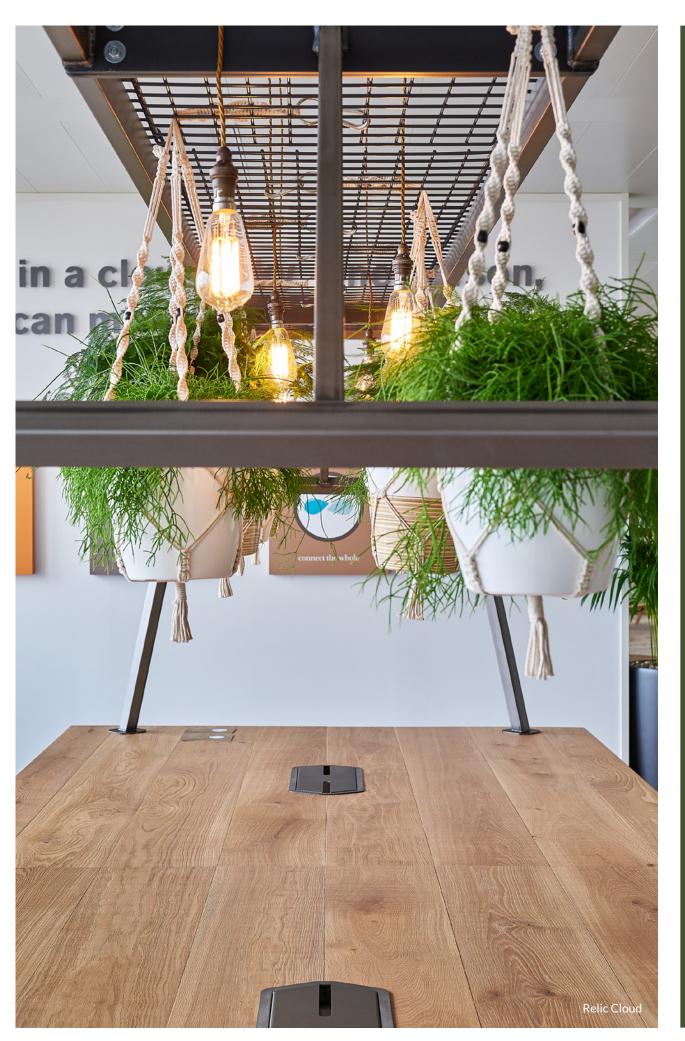
Cork is Sustainable. Cork is a natural raw material that is 100% biodegradable, recyclable and renewable. Cork is harvested by stripping the bark of the Cork Oak Tree. The tree lives on just fine (no tree is cut down to produce cork) and as the tree regrows its bark it absorbs up to 3 times more CO2 from the air. Providing a net positive effect towards combating Global warming. It is estimated that Cork Oak trees in Portugal alone help offset 10 million tons of carbon every year.



Easy-to-clean surfaces

For sustainable hygiene standards in the office and in any public space, regular disinfection of individual surfaces is advised. However, regular cleaning subjects the materials to additional wear and tear, so the use of particularly robust surfaces and materials is recommended.









Products included in before and after:

4 x Relic Table on Castors 2 x Relic Poseur Table on Castors 8 x Ego Chair Sled 2 x Ego Stool Sled



rotate work sunfaces
to allow more distance
in a small area



Products included in before and after:

sofas on castors & mobile media walls

2 x Home Sofa High Two Seater on Castors 1 x Home Mobile Media Wall



create space by separating existing furniture



high-back for an added barrier



Drum on Castors



Relic Poseur Table on Castors



Relic Table on Castors



Home Mobile Media Wall

Going Mobile

Relic Tables on Castors can be utilised to change, move and re-imagine a workspace quickly.

The traditional 'work booth' can still be achieved by using our Home range on castors. The sofas can be separated and re-configured with workplace safety in mind without losing the privacy and focus a booth provides. For larger booth set ups, Home Single Seaters can also be added.

Going Mobile - continued

Adding castors to Relic or Home allows users to manoeuvre them when and where required, still encouraging collaboration and teamwork whilst maintaining social distancing.



Home Mobile Media Wall offers a partition with acoustic properties, on castors it can easily be moved around any office space.



Zoning

Most companies will need to go through a series of challenges to adjust their existing workspaces to quickly accommodate social distancing, without having to spend a fortune. Zoning is one such technique that allows you to create partitions in your open plan space. This can be achieved by moving shelving or cabinets, adding screens, using what you have in the office without building actual walls.

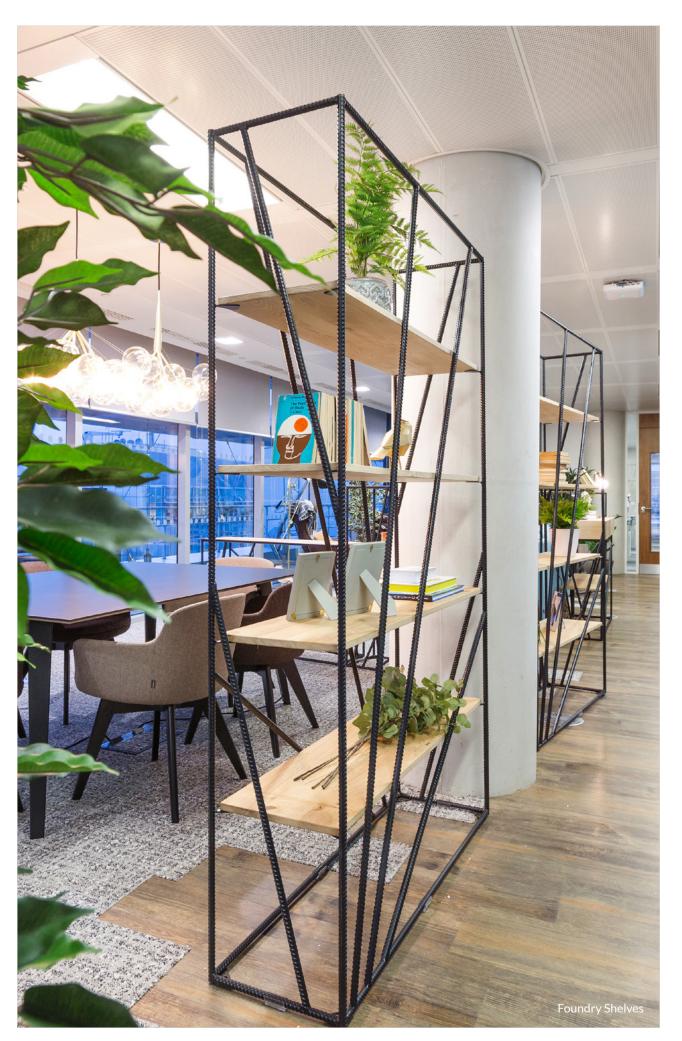
Zoning space that was previously open plan will help staff work away from others, screens and room dividers could be used to protect individual employees. By adding various zoning accessories like our Foundry shelves, plants, lights, mobile whiteboards, mobile media screens and acoustic panels the workspace can be divided up and personalised.

Our Foundry shelving range offers options to create zones in your office allowing you to modify your layout with a choice of sizes, RAL colours and shelf finishes to create a fully functional and minimalistic divider.

Our Foundry shelving is an efficient way to create different zones allowing you to modify the layout of your office. Zoning lets you be creative because it's not just limited to one design layout. Final step when zoning is to work it all out on paper or design software enabling you to mentally walk around the space. Think how it would be to sit on a sofa or chair in the zoned space and ask yourself if you will feel "protected" and relaxed in that space.





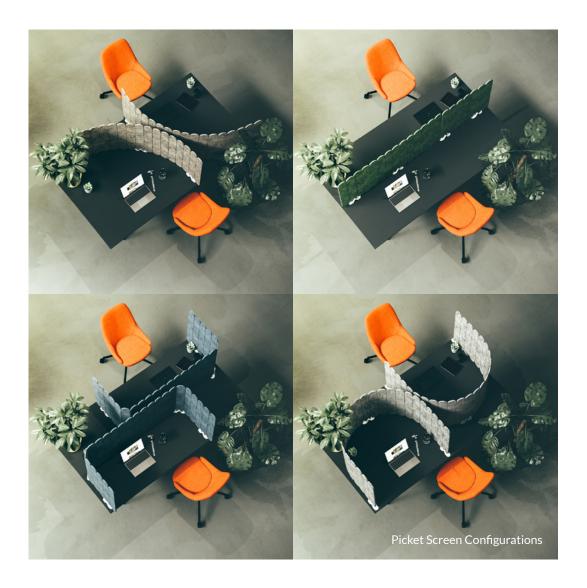




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Zoning - continued

Our range of protective surface mounted screens can complement your existing workspace and reduce the transmission of stray coughs and sneezes. Picket Safe Felt Screens are designed with hygiene in mind – their unique anti-microbial properties inhibits the growth and spread of bacteria and viruses. The unique picket shape is designed to allow maximum flexibility, enabling it to be fitted to all work surfaces.





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What's next?

While we need to take immediate action to help each other through this crisis and return to work, more environmental, economic, and cultural disruptions will be the future.

How can we combine what we know about the workspace environment with what we will learn from this unfolding crisis to help us prepare for and confidently embrace the unpredictable future that lies before us?

We need to think beyond immediate workspace solutions and envision new ways of engaging with each other. This is a tremendous opportunity to re-evaluate our mindsets and shape a new workplace together.

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