



# British Caving Association

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## **COVID-19 – ‘Return to work’ guidance for BCA award holders**

**April 23rd 2021**

Good news for award holders operating in Wales. We have received confirmation from the Welsh government that led caving and mine exploration activities in Wales can recommence from May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We await definitive dates for England, but following the same criteria, May 17<sup>th</sup> looks likely.

It remains essential that all award holders, when planning and running sessions, remain vigilant in checking devolved government websites to ensure guidance and any limitations (such as the number of participants) are understood and followed, and that travel and hospitality restrictions are respected. All sessions run must also be conducted in a ‘Covid Safe’ manner; thorough risk assessments remain paramount to safety, which should include protective measures to keep yourself, clients and any third parties safe and at all times.

**England** <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Wales** <https://gov.wales/further-coronavirus-restriction-relaxations-brought-forward>

**Scotland** <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Northern Ireland** <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

A ‘Covid roadmap’ for recreational caving in England can be found on the BCA website <https://british-caving.org.uk/category/news/>

**We are happy to be sharing more positive news with you all.**

**Remain Cautious – Stay Safe**