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Remote working: avoiding the employment law pitfalls

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- Flexible working requests
- Homeworking agreements
- Protecting confidentiality
- Data protection (arising out of lockdown)
- Protecting clients and customers
- Q&A

Flexible working agreements



- Flexible working requests change in working hours/pattern or location
- Informal vs formal flexible working requests
- Eligibility requirements for making a formal request
- Dealing with a formal request employer obligations
- Turning down a flexible working request
- Other employment law obligations to consider

Homeworking agreements



- Requests made under Flexible Working Policy or specific Homeworking Policy
- Health and safety considerations
- Performance considerations
- Employee wellbeing whilst working from home

Protecting confidentiality



- What is confidential information?
- Confidentiality issues with remote working
- Information stored electronically
- Hard copy documents
- Ensuring employees are aware of their obligations

Data protection issues



- Data protection law should be considered in addition to any measures put in place to protect confidentiality
- Ensuring employees are aware of their obligations
- Carrying out a data privacy impact assessment
- Employees using their own devices

Protecting clients and customers



- Use of restrictive covenants to protect the employer's legitimate business interests
- Types of restrictive covenants
- Ensuring covenants are enforceable
- What to do in the event of a breach





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