

HVACR Activities are “Essential Services”

In the event that any of your employees are stopped by any local, state or federal public safety or health official from performing his/her HVACR duties, please present this document to them with the employees ID card.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

According to the Dept. of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) federal guidelines to states and municipalities regarding "essential" work, contained on Page 9 of the “**Guidance on the Essential Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response**”, Version 1.1, dated March 23, 2020, it specifically states under the heading of “Public Works”, employees included are:

“Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences”.

This certainly includes all HVACR activities. The activities conducted by HVACR manufacturing, distribution, installation and service are “essential” and are collectively, a critical infrastructure industry. The continued operation of an HVACR business is viewed as “essential” and necessary in order to perform their role in supporting the residential, commercial, and refrigeration end markets. This certainly includes routine maintenance of HVACR equipment.

Additionally Conditioned Air Contractors (HVAC) are licensed by the state of Georgia under O.C.G.A. § 43-14-1 which provides that, “*This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, low-voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations. The practice of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, installing, or repairing, low-voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or professions affecting the public interest;”*

For more information concerning this, please contact DHS and CISA. Thank you.

