

UBC Barrier (e.g. Plexiglass) guidance

In high-volume public service environments, where extended interactions occur, the installation of barriers can be considered. When in close proximity, barriers serve to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets from one individual into the common air stream. At UBC, barriers are not required in most areas for the sole purpose of infection control. Examples of university environments where barriers, if already in place, can continue to be used are:

- Retail point of sale
- Food service point of sale
- Reception desks
- Ticket sales
- Health clinics

Considerations before Purchase/Installation

Barriers should meet design standards of [WorkSafeBC Designing Effective Barriers](#). They are not recommended between undivided cubicles and workstations. In addition, barriers should not cause disruption to work practices or negatively impact business operations. Barriers require a daily cleaning schedule, see [supplementary cleaning guidance](#) for suggested products and information.

Most units have purchased barriers from their office supply vendors. Once purchased, barriers should not be modified and appropriate supplies should be used to ensure the barrier is secured and/or stabilized. Submit a customer funded service request with Building Operations to securely install barrier. Conspicuously placed stickers or signage can be used to encourage patrons to avoid touching or leaning on the barriers.

Barriers may have additional uses on campus (e.g. personal security) and units should contact ready.ubc@ubc.ca prior to purchasing barriers.