

Security on Site

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready?

Reason: Site security is essential for the protection of people and materials.

Why: Unauthorised persons will probably not be aware of the hazards associated with construction sites.

Outline: This talk will cover the hazards to unauthorised visitors and ways of preventing unauthorised access..



What The Law says

- Under the law, trespassers have a right to expect not to be put at risk if they enter a construction site, particularly children who are less aware of danger.
- On larger sites the CDM Regulations place a specific duty on the main contractor to ensure that unauthorised persons do not gain access to the site.

Q: Why should you prevent unauthorised access to the site?

Some Risks To The Unwary

- Children often find that construction sites are exciting places to play – ensure they cannot gain access after normal working hours.
- Power tools, plant and equipment may be too tempting if not disabled or locked away, they could be stolen or cause injury to the inexperienced.
- Hazardous substances which you may be familiar with and use daily may cause serious injury to unauthorised persons; lock them away when not in use.

Remove Temptation

- Ensure that an effective system of access control is operated.
- Remove ladders from scaffolds or securely board up the lower

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rungs to prevent access at the end of each working day.

- Check that the perimeter hoarding or fencing is intact and is to a standard which does not encourage unauthorised entry.
- Remove keys from plant and equipment when not in use.
- Remove from view and secure any tools, equipment and materials which might tempt thieves onto the site after normal working hours.

Q: How can you prevent the theft of tools, equipment and materials?

Q: How can you remove the temptation for children to play on scaffold and in excavations?

Dealing With Trespassers

- Ask suspected trespassers who they wish to see and, if necessary, escort them to site security. If they are genuine visitors they will not mind being challenged.
- Ensure that trespassing children are escorted off the site immediately.
- Do not put yourself in a position where you could be accused of assault.

Do you have any questions for me?

Sources

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/pdf/fatalinjuries.pdf>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/construction.pdf>

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