

Toolbox Talk Details

Title	C01 - Site set up and security
Reason	Site set up and security is essential for the protection of people and materials and is a legal requirement under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM). Unauthorised persons will probably not be aware of the hazards associated with construction sites.
Outline	This talk covers the hazards to unauthorised visitors and ways of preventing unauthorised access.

What the law says

1. Under the law trespassers (particularly children who are less aware of danger) have a right not to be put at risk if they enter a construction site.
2. CDM place a specific duty on the principal contractor (or contractor if there is only one) to ensure that unauthorised persons do not gain access to the site.

Risks

1. Children find construction sites exciting places to play. You must ensure they cannot gain access during or after normal working hours.
2. Plant, equipment and power tools can be tempting to use or steal if accessible. When operated by inexperienced persons they can cause serious injury.
3. Electrical supplies should be isolated or made secure from tampering.
4. Hazardous substances that you may be familiar with and use daily may cause serious injury to unauthorised persons; lock them away when not in use.
5. Ensure that bottled gas compounds are well ventilated and kept securely locked.
6. Ensure that all site accommodation is locked outside working hours.

Removing temptation

1. Remove all ladders from scaffolds or securely board up the lower rungs at the end of each working day to prevent access.
2. Excavations, holes and voids need to be secured with suitable barriers or covers.
3. Remove keys from plant and equipment when not in use.
4. Remove from view and secure any tools, equipment and materials that might tempt thieves onto the site after normal working hours.
5. Regularly check that the perimeter hoarding or fencing is intact and secure.

Dealing with trespassers

1. Ask suspected trespassers who they are visiting on site and, if necessary, escort them to site security. If they are genuine visitors, they will not mind being challenged.
2. Ensure that trespassing children are escorted to a place of safety immediately.
3. Do not put yourself in a position where you could be accused of assault.

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