

Toolbox Talk

Theft and Damage



Think, Be Safe and Secure

- Keep site gates and access points closed at all times.
- All sites must be secured overnight if not manned.
- Lock vehicles and moveable items secured and out of view.
- Do not leave the keys where they can be easily found.
- Install PID / WCCTV systems to deter unwanted visitors.
- Report anything suspicious immediately.



Why should you prevent unauthorised access to the site?

Some risks to the unwary members of the public:

- 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.
- Remove ladders from scaffolds or securely board up the lower 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, to prevent theft.
- Remove from view and secure any tools, equipment and materials which might tempt thieves onto the site after normal working hours.

What the Law says about construction site security

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.

Dealing With Trespassers

Ask suspected trespassers who they wish to see and, if it's safe to do so, escort them to site security or off site. If they are genuine visitors, they will not mind being challenged.

Ensure that trespassing children are escorted off the site immediately, never put yourself in a position where you could be accused of assault.



Is your site secure?