

## SITE SECURITY

Site security is essential for the protection of people and materials and due to some works it may be necessary to open gates for deliveries and access or remove section of hoarding to allow works to progress. In some cases you may require a key to a gate for access during the shift.

### **Q: Why must we ensure the site is secure?**

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

#### **What the law says: -**

1. Under the law, trespassers have a right to expect not to be put at risk if they enter a site, particularly children who are less aware of danger.
2. 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**

1. Children often find that some sites are exciting places to play – you must ensure they cannot gain access after normal working hours.
2. 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.
3. Hazardous substances, which you may be familiar with and use daily may cause serious injury to, unauthorised persons.

#### **Preventing Access**

1. Remove all ladders from scaffolds or securely board up the lower rungs to prevent access at the end of each working day.
2. Check that the perimeter hoarding or fencing is intact and is to a standard that does not encourage unauthorised entry.
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 on to the site after normal working hours.

#### **Dealing with trespassers**

1. 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.
2. Ensure that trespassing children are escorted off the site immediately.
3. Do not put yourself in a position where you could be accused of assault.

#### **Summary:**

- ✓ DO return all keys to site security and keep all gates closed
- ✓ DO Keep gates locked at end of the shift and breaks
- ✓ DO ensure heras fencing is correctly secured with double clips
- ✓ DO give way to pedestrians crossing gates
- ✗ DON'T leave gates wide open regardless of if plant is continuing to drive through all day
- ✗ DON'T secure heras fencing with tie wire, draw cord, zip ties or anything other than clips
- ✗ DON'T allow deliveries to reverse without direction even if fitted with a camera on the public highway
- ✗ DON'T allow deliveries to stand off site locations that cause disruption to the public.