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The Theme for July 17 will be: Summer Holidays and Children Site Safety

Your Health and Safety

Our Environment

Quality Requirements

During the summer holidays, some children are drawn to construction sites as exciting places to play, but they are not playgrounds and playing on them can have fatal consequences. MWHT and parents need to work together to ensure children's site safety

The following practical advice for parents and workers will help keep children safe this summer:

- Warn children against playing in dangerous areas, including construction sites,
- Encourage them to play only in safe areas such as playgrounds,
- Make sure you know where your children are going, and when they will be back,
- Workers should watch out for children playing around sites, if you see children, stop work and make sure they are off site before you begin again.



Managing site access

You need to define site boundaries physically, where necessary, by suitable fencing. The type of fencing should reflect the nature of the construction site and its surroundings. Determining the boundary is an important aspect of managing the risk of unauthorised access.

You need to:

- Plan what form the perimeter will take,
- Provide the fencing, and
- Maintain the fencing by regular checking.

Child safety specific steps

- Barrier off or cover over excavations and pits,
- Isolate and immobilise vehicles and plant and if possible lock them in a compound,
- Store building materials (such as pipes, manhole rings, and cement bags) so that they cannot topple or roll over,
- Ensure end caps are connected to pipes to restrict access to children and wildlife.
- Remove access ladders from excavations and scaffolds,
- Lock away hazardous substances,
- Secure construction sites adequately when finishing work for the day,



MWHT projects are being reminded that site should be secure, with good fencing to prevent child access and with regular checks carried out.