



## **Safety Bulletin 135**

### **Safety notice – children and young people gaining unauthorized access to site**

With the summer holidays upon us once again and schools about to closed for 6 weeks, this Safety Note serves to remind all Site Managers and Safety Officers to be vigilant when securing sites at the end of each day, particularly with regard to preventing unauthorised access to children and young persons.

In the past two years, there have been nearly 60 serious injuries to children on UK construction sites, including one death. This should serve as a sobering reminder to all of us that construction sites are dangerous places for children.

Children and young persons generally have a very poor understanding of hazards and risks. They tend to be attracted to construction sites through their natural curiosity and sense of adventure, particularly where they see the opportunity to play on scaffolds, piles of materials, construction machinery, or anything else that attracts their attention. It should also be appreciated that they may not be able to read, understand or be able to comply with safety signs and notices.

All Site Managers and site personnel are reminded to ensure that their site boundaries are secured to prevent unauthorised access and that checks are made to plant and materials at the end of each day to reduce the risks of children or young persons who trespass from coming to any harm.



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