

Construction sites attract children looking for adventure, and thieves looking to steal plant and equipment. It is important, therefore, that sites are made secure to protect the public, who will not be as aware of the dangers of a construction site, and to protect site materials.

All McFour Employees and Contractors under our control must adopt the following procedures and good practice:

- Consider methods of access control based upon the scale and type of site (this may comprise a simple sign telling persons to report to the site manager or could be a manned access point - note this may also provide a method of monitoring who is on site for emergency purposes).
- Visitors are entitled to a safe environment, and they should not be exposed to risk when on a construction site.
- Site security should ensure that no-one can access the site when occupied without authorisation, and when not occupied without having to clearly commit trespass.
- **The law effectively gives trespassers the right not to expect to be put at risk if they enter a construction site. This particularly applies to children.**
- Sites should be fenced all around with recognised access points, signs should be displayed warning that it is a construction site, and that entry is prohibited.
- As our sites are normally part of a larger development. It is not unreasonable to surmise that there may be instances that site perimeter security will need to be breached for operational requirements. These breach's MUST be well managed and secured at all times.
- Our works may be situated within the grounds of a Clients premises and their security measures will be adopted and considered and regular communication ensured
- Plant and equipment should be locked away out of sight where practicable and disabled/secured in situ where not practicable.
- Never leave keys in any plant when unattended.
- Hazardous substances on site that may be readily familiar to site employees, can pose a serious risk to unauthorised persons who have not encountered them before - lock them away.
- Discarded hazardous materials/substance packaging and waste materials can still present a risk to children playing on a site. It is therefore essential that waste products and packaging, that contain any residue, are not left in open skips or unsecured.
- Falls from height are a particular risk on site. Any exposed edges including excavations, formwork, etc. must be protected.
- Any pipework, ducting, drains, manholes or other restricted spaces and or areas that could become a confined space must be adequately protected/guarded.
- Whilst trespassers, including children, should be challenged and either escorted off site or introduced to the site manager, avoid putting yourself in a position where you could be accused of assault.

Signed:



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