



Smoking and Vaping on Site

Audience: Site Operatives

Presenter: GHSEA, Site Manager, Trade Supervisors



The Risk

Smoking can cause serious health issues to the smoker and anyone else that breathes in second hand smoke. The health risks from breathing in the smoke from vapes is also unknown and can be unpleasant for others.

Smoking also creates an increased risk of fire, as cigarettes although may appear extinguished might not be and can cause a fire. Especially in areas where combustible material is present, this could easily be something as little as a patch of dry grass.

On timber frame sites the risk is also greater and extra cares needs to be taken.



Responsibilities

Smoking and vaping on site is only permitted in designated areas.

The areas where you can smoke, will be pointed out on your site induction and will be marked on the site fire plan.

You must not smoke or vape in any of these areas:

- In any of the welfare facilities, including the canteen and toilets
- In the site office
- On scaffolds
- Inside of plots
- In machines
- Walking around site

When using designated smoking and vaping areas, make sure you tidy up after yourself. Also, ensure you extinguish all cigarettes and put them in the metal bin provided.

If you break the rules you may be issued with an Operative H&S Notice and asked to leave site.

- Always ensure that plant and machines are locked and keys kept securly away from the vehicle when not in use.
- Report any potential trip hazards that you see to the site management.
- Remove any waste as you work and at the end of each day.
- Any materials that must be left outside of the site boundary overnight, must be fenced off with Herras fencing.
- If you are operating Plant outside of site give way to the public, you may also require a Banks