



# HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT

## Site Holiday Closedown

### WHAT HAPPENED

Each year members of the public, including children, are killed or injured when illegally gaining access to construction sites, during the holiday periods.

In the past, within the construction industry, there has been reports of people falling from scaffolds, falls into holes/excavations, people being struck by falling earth from stockpiles and materials being blown by strong winds off the top of buildings striking people and cars.

### ACTION TO TAKE

**WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION:** Contracts Managers, SMs/ ASMs, Site Agents and Site Teams

#### WHAT TO DO

- The site perimeter fence must be secure, mechanically fixed to any structures and the gates locked with chain and padlock. All fence clips must have the bolts facing into site.
- Materials must not be stacked close to perimeter fences.
- All hazardous substances must be locked away in suitable containers/enclosures and all LPG cylinders must be stored in gas cages.
- All machines must be immobilised and locked.
- All ladders giving access to height must be removed and locked away. Haki stair access must be secured.
- All excavations should be suitably fenced off and where possible back filled.
- Loose material that can be effected by the wind, must be removed from roofs and scaffold and stored safely.
- Laptops must be taken home and site offices and welfare units locked.
- Packs of bricks should be placed behind site gates to deter bulk thieving of materials.
- Access to plots must be restricted.
- Review your site security and public protection assessment

Make sure you are following the [Site Security and Public Protection Standards](#).