

SUMMER HOLIDAY SITE SECURITY

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The summer holidays are now here and this means that there will be more children and teenagers out and about enjoying the good weather and their time away from school and college.

The summer holidays create a number of additional hazards for construction sites and transport system operators due to the inquisitive nature of children and their lack of knowledge of site based hazards. The summer months normally result in an increase in fatalities involving children and young children because there is more risk of them coming into contact with construction based activities (i.e. during site deliveries) and they will often engage in acts of trespass either intentionally or as a result of accessing a site to retrieve an item such as a football that has been kicked over the perimeter fencing.

Because of this, now would be a good time to review your site security to make sure that your site can remain safe and secure during the summer holidays. The following should therefore be considered as part of the daily routine on all operational sites.

- **All access points on to site should be locked and secured when not in use and be checked as secure at the end of the working day. (It is best practice to take a photo of the locked gate on a daily basis if possible as proof that the site was secure).**
- **There should be no gaps beneath gates or fences that individuals can crawl through.**
- **All temporary fences should be secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. securely clipped together).**
- **Any signs of trespass, such as damaged fencing or well-worn paths should be reported to the HSQE team prior to the area being made secure.**
- **Any open excavations should be either backfilled, covered or fenced off.**
- **All keys should be removed from plant and machinery and the equipment should be secured, locked and parked safely**
- **All flammable materials, potentially hazardous substances and gases should be removed or made secure.**
- **Access to height should be removed or be blocked off when not in use.**
- **Warning signage identifying hazardous areas (i.e. deep excavations, deep water, etc) should be clearly displayed on fencing protecting the area.**

For more information, contact any member of the HSQE Team