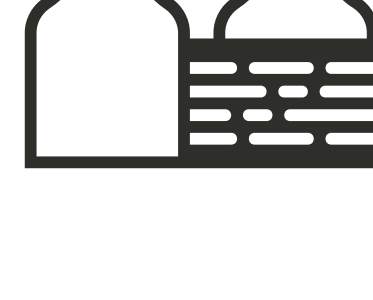


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BADGERS

WHAT?

One of Britain's best loved wild animals, Badgers are a protected species.

Both the animals and their setts are protected by law.

It is illegal to carry out any construction work close to a badger sett without taking steps to positively avoid damage and without an appropriate license.

It is no excuse in law to be unaware of the presence of Badgers.



WHY?

AVOID PROSECUTION:

It is a criminal offence to

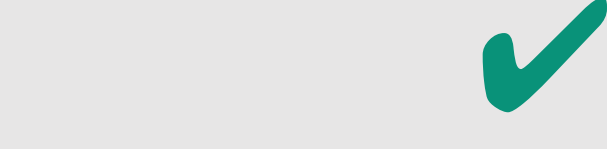
- kill, injure or take a badger
- disturb a badger when it is occupying a sett
- interfere with a badger sett by damaging or destroying it
- obstruct the access to, or any entrance of, a badger sett.

IDENTIFICATION

Most badgers have the characteristic black and white striped face although very occasionally they can be creamy white (albino) or red/ginger in colour. Fully grown adults can be up to 1 meter in length and weigh up to 14 kg.

The sett entrance is usually D shaped and at around 300mm wide by 200mm high is larger than either a fox or rabbit hole. There may be signs of freshly excavated material at the entrance or piles of leaves, dry grass, straw or bracken, which the badgers take inside to use as bedding.

DO



IMMEDIATELY Stop work and inform your line manager if you discover a badger sett or see a badger on your site.

DON'T



DON'T

- use heavy machines within 30 meters or
- use light machines within 20 meters or
- hand dig or clear scrub within 10 meters of a badger sett before checking with your line manager whether a license is necessary.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS CONTACT **YOUR SHEQ DEPARTMENT**