# Toolbox Talk
## 68. Site Set Up & Fencing

## What?

Any site or premises where work activities are carried out needs to be controlled for a number of reasons include security and the safety of personnel working there. Perimeter fencing, signs and access points are used to control who comes onto site and ensure the correct processes are followed before people start work.  It also provides proper access control for vehicles which require to enter the site and prevent members of the public straying into working areas.

## Why?

When people enter premises or a construction site for the first time they don't know what to expect. All workplaces have their risks  and if you don't manage access to the site people will make mistakes leading to injury or ill-health. During planning ensure that a robust physical barrier prevents vehicular access. Plan so that site traffic can enter / exit the site safely with clear and concise signage displayed.  As part of site induction ensure that all those on-site know emergency procedures, muster pints, nearest hospitals, etc.  It is important to establish clear control points of entry and to set down detailed procedures for those wishing to access.

## Do ✔

- Ensure perimeter fencing is high and strong enough to prevent unauthorised access
- Check fencing does not impede the public
- Erect signage which makes it clear what people must and must not do, etc
- Encourage those entering the site to report accidents and near misses
- Establish procedures to ensure people entering are properly briefed on the site rules
- Make information available to remind them of the procedures which must be followed
- Escort them onto site to help them familiarise themselves with the site layout

## Don't ✖

- ✖ Erect inadequate fencing
- ✖ Allow people onto site without following the correct procedures
- ✖ Ignore poor or bad behaviour
- ✖ Forget to help new personnel with site rules and procedures

**SAFETY FIRST**
by choice; not chance