

## **Safety of the Public**

**When we think of safety on site, our thoughts are normally for ourselves and our work colleagues.**

**However, it's not only us who can be injured.**

**Every year, children and other members of the public are also killed or injured as a result of construction activities that have not been adequately controlled.**

The main risk areas are:-

- The site boundary
- The site entrance
- Any works outside of the site boundary
- Out of hours (trespassers)

### **Site Boundary:**

- The best way to protect members of the public from injury on our sites is to keep them out.
- This is normally done with secure fencing or hoarding with suitable warning signs.
- We have to keep this fencing/hoarding secure – don't open it up without authorisation from Interserve.
- If you do have authorisation, don't leave any opened section unattended, even for a short time – always secure to the same standard that it was before you opened it.
- Always report any instances of damage, missing clips or people gaining entry immediately to Interserve staff.
- Should you come across trespassers on site, including children, challenge them and if possible, escort from site, or introduce to the Interserve manager. However, never put yourself in a position of confrontation where you could be accused of assault.

### **Site Entrance:**

- One area on almost all sites where we come into direct contact with members of the public is the site entrance.
- Always work on the principle that members of the public (both pedestrians and cars/other vehicles) have priority and treat them with courtesy.
- Ensure the entrance, including any footpaths, is kept clear; from your vehicle, deliveries, plant, equipment or anything else.

### **Works Outside Site Boundary:**

- Any works outside the site need careful planning and particular care.
- Keep all fencing secure to ensure the public are kept out.
- If the works involve traffic management for pedestrians or vehicles, ensure it's kept in good condition and report any damage – don't alter unless you are qualified.
- Always check at the end of the shift. Think – am I leaving this secure? Including from trespassers and vandalism.

**Out of Hours (Trespassers)**

- Even though we keep the site secure, we still need to think about people gaining access out of hours.
- This could be children who see the site as an adventure playground, or others with more malicious intent.
- Thoughts to consider:
  - your materials:           material stacks secure, no more than 2 pallets high  
                                      Pipes chocked, manhole rings on end
  - your plant:                 immobilised
  - your works:                excavations secure  
                                      Remove access to work at height

**Questions:**

- 1       how do we keep the public out of this site?
- 2       what do you do if you see a child on site?
- 3       what sort of things do you need to do to help prevent injuries out of hours?

Further information:- CIP Manual, Section 4