

SAFETY ALERT



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For Anglian Water employees and contractors No. SA000593 Date: 4th May 17

Roof topping and site security risks



What Happened:

One of our partner contractor's construction sites was accessed on Sunday 2nd April 2017 by a number of youths who were intent on "roof topping". The group also accessed an adjacent construction site with similar intent. The new craze involves scaling high buildings with no safety equipment to take photographs as above.

Reminder:

Some AW assets such as water towers, tanks, silos and other tall assets could be a target of such activities and we have a general duty to do what is reasonably practicable to prevent unauthorised access to our sites. There is increased risk where scaffolding has been erected - see safety alert [SA000584](#).

What you should do

As part of regular visits and Site Safety Inspections, ensure that the site security arrangements are effective. Check gates, locks, fencing, alarms, CCTV, building windows & doors (the level of security systems will be appropriate to the site activities and location/history of uninvited visitors).

Ensure ladder guards are fitted to external ladders to high / high risk assets.

Safety Alerts should not be thought of as an accident investigation report. However, they are issued to raise awareness of accidents that occur and to highlight the safe work practices required to avoid them being repeated.