

Toolbox Talk 15 – Protection of Plants and Animals

What is needed?

Any company procedures that relate to the protection of plants and animals

Estimated duration

10 minutes

The discussion

A certain level of disturbance can be created which may affect local plants and animals.

This level of disturbance should be minimised for the following reasons:

- Certain plants and animals such as badgers, deer, newts, toads and several types of orchids are protected by law and, therefore, must not be damaged under any circumstances
- Mature trees in some areas are protected by local protection orders and therefore must not be damaged
- Replanting is more costly than protection
- Local people and pressure groups object to the visible destruction of their environment
- We all enjoy the natural environment and we want to preserve it.

Damage can be limited by using the following points:

- Erect protection for mature trees in the form of fencing and highlight these areas with signs. When working on site always be aware of the protected areas and ensure that no damage is made to them
 - Do not drive heavy plant over tree roots, a protection zone equal to the branch spread is a good guideline to follow
 - The placing of a protective bund around ponds should be created where necessary and should always be observed so as not to create any damage or pollution to these areas
 - Fenced areas of protected vegetation must be carefully observed when working within their vicinity
 - Generally it is of great importance that you as an individual are aware of the environment you are working within and the sensitive areas of the site that must be protected and preserved at all times.
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Discussion point

What additional measures can be introduced for plants and animals within our site?



Training register

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Name of attendee

Signature

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