

### Overview

This standard covers the maintenance and repair of boundaries or access points. You will need to ensure that the work is carried out in accordance with specifications, legislation and organisational policy.

Maintenance and repair is defined as mending or restoring to a sound and safe condition. Maintenance could be preventative (prevention of major repair work at a later date) or reactive.

Local custom and materials should encourage the use of a wide range of styles and techniques.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

This standard is for those who are responsible for the maintenance and repair of boundaries or access points.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

### Performance criteria

#### You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements and company policies
- P2 assess the site prior to operation to identify any restrictions on the planned work
- P3 select, prepare and use equipment and machinery which meet the agreed specifications
- P4 select materials to meet specifications
- P5 carry out all work in accordance with instructions and specifications
- P6 prepare the site and carry out work in a manner which prevents damage to the surrounding area
- P7 ensure completed work meets the specifications and is fit for purpose
- P8 handle and transport material and equipment in accordance with regulations
- P9 carry out work tidily and safely with due regard to users of the site
- P10 restore the site to an appropriate condition following completion of the work
- P11 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
- P12 complete records as appropriate

### Knowledge and understanding

#### You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K2 the importance of examining the site prior to commencing work with regards to hazards, assessment of risk and potential restrictions
- K3 the restrictions affecting the work e.g. presence of listed structures, wildlife, non-native invasive or protected species, designated sites etc.
- K4 the hazards presented by services on site and how to avoid these
- K5 the maintenance techniques required for maintaining boundaries and access points
- K6 how to select, prepare and use tools, equipment and machinery relevant to the agreed specifications
- K7 the purpose of boundaries or access point and how this relates to the specifications and operations
- K8 suitable methods for preparing the site
- K9 how to interpret and use relevant specifications
- K10 why boundaries and access points must be maintained and repaired and the potential problems if not carried out
- K11 methods of testing the safety, stability and durability of the boundaries or access point and their fitness for purpose
- K12 how to evaluate the completed work against the specifications
- K13 the potential impact of your work on the surrounding area and how to minimise this
- K14 problems which may occur during operations and how these should be dealt with
- K15 why it is important to keep working areas clean and tidy during operations and to restore the site following completion of the work
- K16 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K17 the records which need to be completed

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## Glossary

Boundary: walls, fences, banks.

Access points: gates, stiles, steps.

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines

Instructions: verbal or written.

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