

Toolbox Talk

Temporary works

What are temporary works?

Temporary works are the parts of a construction project that are needed to enable the permanent works to be built and which are usually removed after use. Occasionally temporary works are built into the permanent works.

Some examples of temporary works:

From the start of the construction temporary works are in use.

- Site access road.
- Security hoarding or fencing.
- Site compound and accommodation (site huts).
- Welfare facilities.
- Edge protection to excavations or ground openings and barriers on access routes.
- Falsework, used to support a structure while the permanent materials reach their strength, such as steel rib formers on a brick arch bridge.
- Formwork (or shuttering), used to contain wet concrete.
- Site access routes and steps cut into banks.
- Temporary decking over openings in structures.
- Excavation supports.
- Floating platforms and pontoons.
- Scaffolding and access towers.
- Dams and pumping systems.
- Piling gates and frames.
- Shoring to unstable walls.
- Materials storage, such as aggregate stores, gas bottle cages or a temporary base for stacking materials.
- Stockpiles of excavated materials for re-use.
- Temporary diversion routes for water flow.
- Temporary platforms for lifting equipment.

Remember; Temporary Works need to be inspected before they are used and at times during use.

