

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	Concrete products plant	ARTICLE YEAR	2012
ACTIVITY:	Production and Processing	COMPANY:	Hanson UK
SUB ACTIVITY:	Concrete products	COMPANY LOCATION:	Thermalite Newbury
BEST PRACTICE No:	BP829	COMPANY TEL:	01635 875700
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	United Kingdom		

TITLE

Packing section area safety improvements

ARTICLE

Description

It was recognised that there was a potential for an accident in the packing area at Thermalite's Newbury works. The packing plant was located near a storage area. Fork lift trucks, clamp trucks and pedestrians were using this very confined area. A number of initiatives were put in place to minimise pedestrian access and improve traffic control. These included:

- The introduction of a 'kissing gate' to prevent pedestrian access when forklifts are working in the area
- Using warning lights in key locations that were activated when the packer was operating
- Introducing new racking to create more room in the storage area
- Risks were re-assessed and a new safe system of working written, with all individuals trained.

Benefits

Increased space in the storage area

A far safer environment for all.

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