

# TOOLBOX TALK

## 9. WORKING AT THORNES PARK

### What?

- **Thornes Park, about a mile south of the centre of Wakefield, is the base for our ‘Wild about Wakefield’ project. We use this space for storage, as a meeting place for some of our activity groups, as an office space and sometimes for working in (wood working and gardening days).**
- **The site is shared with various Council bodies, including Streetscene’s gardening, cleansing and forestry teams and the Day Opportunities group. Wakefield College Horticultural team is also on site. Park users need to be respectful of other users.**

### Why?

There are many obvious and less obvious dangers around the site that park users need to be aware of. These include but are not limited to:

- Collisions with moving vehicles
- Fire risk
- Assault or abuse from members of the public
- Risks associated with working on site; manual handling, soil contact, food hygiene, etc.
- What else? Ask the group to point out any possible dangers they can see.



### Do ✓

- ✓ Be aware of moving vehicles on site
- ✓ Wear a hiz-viz jacket on site at all times
- ✓ Stick to walking on the edge of the road
- ✓ Stop, look and listen before crossing the road
- ✓ Report poor dangerous drivers and hazards to the Project Officer or other Open Country staff
- ✓ Wear steel-toed boots when working on site
- ✓ Use assistance to reverse vehicles safely
- ✓ Always drive with hazard lights on
- ✓ Keep to the 5mph speed limit
- ✓ Use the main entrance for entering and exiting the site, off Thornes Road
- ✓ Make yourself aware of the main emergency meeting points on site

### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't work alone on site after dark
- ✗ Don't wear inappropriate clothes and footwear on site, e.g. shoes with a heel and no grip
- ✗ Don't smoke anywhere other than the designated smoking points (next to the customer car park) and make sure your cigarette is extinguished properly afterwards
- ✗ Don't block doorways in the office or tool lock up
- ✗ Don't forget to wash your hands regularly throughout the day



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