

Unauthorised entry to quarries

Quarries are all accessible to public via busy roads, in some cases there are multiple entry points to the production areas and while these entrances are locked at night, there is heavy reliance on visitors reporting to the office during day shifts. Recently we have noticed an increase in near-miss events where members of the public have accessed a site during the workday either by deliberately by-passing the office, or driving onto adjacent private land to access a specific part of the site.



Reasons for these unauthorised visits include:

- Sightseeing – ‘great views’
- Checking out the steel and stuff lying around
- ‘Hooning’ through the mud
- A bit of fun in the car/quad/ute/mountain bike, in an open space.

You need to ensure that:

- **You engage with local communities - personally and in an open letter, to advise them of the risks and dangers present at the quarry**
- **Site security (fences, gates, cameras) and communication methods are regularly checked, maintained and effective**
- **All areas are regularly monitored by staff and irregularities (e.g. fresh cycle tracks) noticed and reported**
- **If practical, run ‘open days’ for community to come and see for themselves what you do. Also a great time to point out some of the bigger risks around, (blind spots of mobile plant, stockpiles not being a ‘giant pillow’ etc).**

Let’s work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

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