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RISK ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT

Steel fixing, Unit 3, Canal Side Business Park, Stockport

Hollins & Reed Contracting Ltd · 12 to 14 October 2026 · In charge: Dan Hollins

Job details

Company	Hollins & Reed Contracting Ltd
Site and work area	Unit 3, Canal Side Business Park, Stockport
Planned dates	12 to 14 October 2026
Customer	Thornley Vale Estates Ltd
In charge on site	Dan Hollins
Team	Two operatives: Dan Hollins leads and checks the area each morning; Priya Shah works with him.
Work	Steel fixing
Prepared by	Dan Hollins
Signature	
Date	

Work and boundaries

Bar reinforcement. Areas: As marked on the client's site plan

Working arrangement

- Access: the floor or ground.
- The work area will be kept clear of other people.

Emergency arrangements

Continuous siren; assemble at the site gate. First aider: Dan Hollins, first aid kit in the van. Ambulances come to the main entrance: Unit 3, Canal Side Business Park, Stockport. Dan Hollins calls 999 and meets the ambulance.

Planned method

1 **Set up the work area**
Confirm the work area and scope before starting. Keep other people outside the active work area. Keep entrances and escape routes clear.

2 **Check the current bar detail**
Read the current schedule or cage detail and mark the fixing area before moving bars. Stop if the bar shape, spacing, lap or cover detail is missing.

3 **Carry the reinforcing bars and mesh safely**
Plan the route, clear it, and get help with anything long or heavy. Store materials close to the work so nobody carries further than they need to.

4 **Prepare bars at a stable station**
Cut and bend bars at the planned bench or machine with hands clear of the tool. Keep prepared bars supported and sorted by the current detail.

5 **Use the planned temporary support**
Use the temporary support arrangement that protects the structure and provides the planned access. Stop if it moves, is damaged or is not the arrangement agreed for this work.

6 **Place and tie the reinforcement**
Place bars to the current detail, fit the specified supports and tie the intersections. Keep the planned cover and protect exposed ends, edges and openings as you go.

7 **Clear and hand back the area**
Remove tools, waste and unused materials. Check the area is clean and ready to use. Tell the customer or whoever runs the site when the work is complete.

Risk assessment

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Controls in place
People entering the work area or tripping over materials Step 1	Workers, occupants and visitors	Mark or barrier the active work area. Store tools and materials away from access routes.
Incorrect reinforcement or an unplanned load on the formwork Step 2	Steel fixers and the concrete team	Use only the issued detail and record queries before fixing. Do not invent bar sizes, laps, spacing or cover.
Back and shoulder injury from carrying heavy or long items Step 3	Everyone handling materials	Use a trolley or sack truck on the flat where the load suits one. Where the work is up a level, hand items up or hoist them. Never carry them up a ladder.

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Controls in place
Crushed fingers, cuts or strains during bar preparation Step 4	Steel fixers and people near the station	Use the approved cutter or bender and keep guards in place. Use handling aids for long or awkward bars.
A structure or temporary support becomes unsafe during fixing Step 5	Steel fixers and the concrete team	Use the agreed support arrangement and its instructions. Keep people off any support that has not been checked.
Incorrect reinforcement, trips, cuts or collapse of unsupported bars Step 6	Steel fixers and the concrete team	Use the issued support and cover detail. Keep access boards or platforms separate from the reinforcement. Cap, cover or barrier exposed ends and openings.
Debris, tools or unfinished work left in the area Step 7	Workers, occupants and visitors	Remove waste by the agreed route. Record and protect any unfinished work.