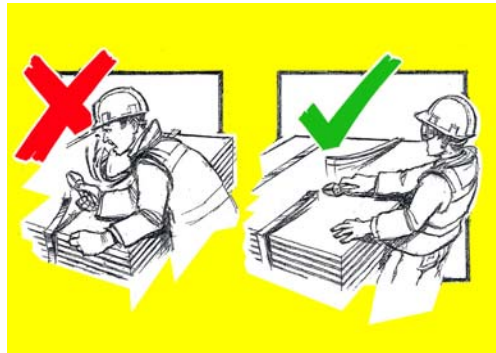


Trojan Horse Message Information Sheet

This sheet provides practical information on the successful implementation of the following Trojan Horse Message:

CUTTING METAL BANDING



Trojan Horse messages are eye-catching pictures placed on construction products and equipment, showing how to perform tasks safely. All messages are subject to a rigorous peer review process.

1 Health and Safety Issue

This message addresses the hazard of injuries arising from cutting metal banding/strapping around packs of building materials. The message shows how the operative should not lean over the pack of materials but should keep his/her face well clear in order to avoid injury from the banding springing open when cut. The message also shows that the operative should wear gloves and protective goggles.

Wherever possible, packs should be placed singly on dry, level ground. Provided the stacking ground is hard, level and designed to carry the weight, packs should be stacked no more than two high, without touching adjacent packs, by a competent forklift driver. If there are any indications of instability, such as the stack leaning, then the packs should be immediately re-stacked at ground level.

2 Application of Message

This message is applicable to any building materials which are strap packed, including bricks, blocks, roof tiles, wood/woodtype boards. The message should be applied at the factory onto the top of the pack of materials, close to the metal banding

3 Message Format

Messages should be printed on A5 size laminated synthetic labels with a permanent adhesive to ensure adequate adhesion to the building material.

