

# Project Fencing Procedures

Temporary fence panels are frequently utilized on our projects; installed to protect and isolate the public from our construction activities. However, these fence panels often create problems of their own. We have seen an increase in insurance claims due to fence panels falling over and striking either vehicles or individuals. Wind blowing over the fence panels has been the cause of many of the claims, along with those involving people tripping over the supporting base block/frame.

To reduce the potential for the wind causing panels to fall, we should minimize the usage of signs and banners placed on any fence panel. Our standard safety required signage is usually of a size that does not contribute to the panel falling, it is the large banners/signs usually placed at an owner's request that pose the most problems. If there is no alternative method for addressing the issue with an owner and those banners must be used, ensure that they have adequate wind slots prior to installing on the panels, and that the fence post are imbedded in the ground\* to an adequate depth.

Eliminating the potential for harm and damage caused by temporary fencing starts at the pre-job planning process and progresses throughout the construction period.

## Procedures:

- **All fencing used adjacent to a sidewalk, walkway, roadway, entryway, or within ten feet of pedestrian or vehicle traffic must be directly driven or drilled into the ground.\***
- **All self-supporting fence panels used in other areas must be back-stayed or counter-weighted.**
- Inspect all fencing periodically.
- All temporary fencing must be removed at the completion of the project.
- Do not allow installation of banners/signs on portable fence panels.
- Do not sign the indemnification on the back of a delivery ticket for rental fence (verify materials and delivery only).
- Barbwire or razor wire attached to the fence is prohibited.
- If permanent fencing is in the contract, install it early to avoid temporary fencing.

\* MISS UTILITY or other utility locator service is required