

Guidance Bulletin

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BURIED BONES!

What do I do if I uncover bones or other buried items?

We may be required excavate in areas of historical interest such as cities like York, London and Edinburgh, towns like Colchester or Stratford upon Avon or sites of special interest such as scheduled monuments, adjacent to listed buildings or other areas where there is the potential to uncover remains or other objects during our works.

Who do I call?

- TEAMS Your supervisor or line manager as soon as you discover remains or unidentified buried object.
- 2. SUPERVISOR Your Line Manager and the HSEQ Advisor / Manager
- 3. LINE MANAGER / HSEQ ADVISOR The Police using 101 in the 1st instance and if known the Local Authorities Archaeology Dept

What do I do?

- 1. STOP WORK
- 2. DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE ANYTHING
- Make the call
- 4. Take photographs of site
- Protect the site if possible with plastic sheeting
- 6. Wait for the Police to attend site
- 7. Check all signing, lighting and guarding is in place
- 8. Advise client

Major Planned Works

- As part of pre-site investigations check for archaeological interest using lists or guidance provided by the Local Authorities Archaeology Dept
- 2. If you find you are likely to be working in a area of interest contact the Local Authorities Archaeology Dept for advice or guidance
- 3. Follow any guidance provided by the Local Authorities Archaeology Dept
- 4. Ensure the duration of works on permit allows for any additional archaeological investigations.
- 5. Advise the client of any potential archaeological investigations

