



Guidelines on anti intruder toppings (Rotaspike, Cobraspike, Viperspike etc)

This is not a legal document.

The occupiers Liability Act 1984 states that the owner of a property has a duty of care, to another (not being his visitor) as well as his visitors, in that he would become liable if he was aware that any danger exists. Clearly intruder toppings would fall into this category.

The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 states that the employer has a duty to ensure that as far as reasonably practical that persons who are not in his employ who may be affected by his work, are not exposed to risks to their health or safety.

Designers, manufactures, importers & suppliers must so far as reasonably practical ensure articles are designed & constructed to be safe when being set, used, maintained, or cleaned.

Duty of care (Neighbour Principle) Reasonable care must be taken to avoid acts or omissions which, with reasonable foresight, you would know would be likely to injure your neighbour.

CDM regulations 2007. State that it is the designers responsibility to consider the health & safety of those carrying out construction work, who are liable to be affected by the construction work, cleaning windows, ceilings & roofs etc.

To this end we would **recommend** the following:

1. Toppings should not be installed below 2.0m where there is any risk of accidental harm to visitors or non visitors.
2. Toppings must be visible from both sides of perimeter fences & walls.
3. Adequate signage must also be visible from both sides warning of danger
4. Trap points should be designed out.
5. Care must be taken, when handling & installing products, apart from the obvious there may be sharp burrs on the products.