

# ◀ HEALTH & SAFETY ALERT ▶



## Criminal Damage

### What happened:

There have been reports of malicious tampering of staircases on one Crossrail contract. This has involved the removal of bolts, brackets and spigot splices on HAKI® staircases as well as the removal of brake systems on two self-locking steps retro-fitted to scaffolding.

Crossrail are working with the Metropolitan Police to investigate the matter. Both are satisfied that everything is being done to prevent further incidents at this location.

The crimes have been recorded as “Criminal Damage with the intent to endanger life”, of which the maximum penalty is a **life sentence**.

Crossrail have a zero tolerance policy on any crime. Individuals found to be engaged in such activity will be subject to disciplinary action which may result in dismissal. The matter will also be reported to the Metropolitan Police for further criminal action to be taken.

### Future Considerations:

- All sites to complete a thorough check on staircases and scaffold to ensure they have not been tampered with.
- Police to be called immediately if any future incidents occur and the area isolated in order for the forensic science team to investigate.



Example of staircase before and after a bracket is removed

