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Creosote

HANDLING AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREOSOTE-TREATED FENCE POSTS

Scanpole's creosote-treated fencing products are designed to provide exceptional durability and a long service life. All products are treated to full sapwood penetration. The treatment process used for Scanpole fence posts is the same proven process applied to our utility and telecommunications poles. High-pressure impregnation combined with extended treatment cycles ensures long-term performance, which is also a critical requirement for utility pole applications.

Creosote-treated fencing products may continue to be used for safety-critical applications requiring compliance with Service Factor D as defined in BS 8417. The decision issued by the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in April 2026 remains valid until 31 March 2033.

Scanpole fencing products have always, and continue to fully comply with the safety-critical fencing aspects of BS8417 factor D. There have been no changes and as a result the decision means that it is business as usual.

Handling creosote treated fence posts

Creosote-treated fence posts should be handled, modified and installed in accordance with good industry practice. Timber must be fully dry before installation and any cutting, drilling or other modifications should be kept to a minimum. Where modifications are required, any surface treatment must be limited to the exposed timber surfaces only.

Direct skin contact with treated timber should be avoided. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn when handling or installing the product, and any contaminated clothing should be professionally laundered before reuse.

Creosote-treated timber must not be installed above, within, or immediately adjacent to surface waters. A site-specific risk assessment should be undertaken before installation to identify and minimise potential exposure to members of the public.

Storing creosote treated fence posts

Timber must be stored on an impermeable hard standing or under shelter (e.g. roof or covered with a tarpaulin).

If the storage area does not have an existing impermeable surface or covering, Scanpole recommend that an impermeable surface can be achieved in the following way. Lay an impermeable material surface, (e.g. polyethylene) and cover with an absorbent covering such as bark. This absorbent covering will collect any drips and can be disposed of as contaminated waste when replacement is required.

If stored in residential or recreational areas, access by the general public must be restricted (e.g. using a fence or a cover).

