

**PRODUCT HEALTH & SAFETY DATA SHEET.**

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Product:	Gabions supplied flat packed for final assembly on site.
Introduction:	In order to comply with the requirements of the COSHH regulations we are required, as manufacturers and suppliers, to make available information on the safe handling of our products. It is our view that the handling and use of gabion baskets supplied by UNIK Wall Company does not constitute any significant hazard. However any hazard which may arise will be associated with the coating, fumes given off by hot working (e.g. welding) and sharp edges on the product.
Hazards Identified:	Laceration and eye injury from tension release when breaking bands or releasing wrapping on packs. Laceration and eye injury from sharp edges when handling and using the product. Release of fumes during hot working. Allergic skin reaction to coatings (very rare.)
Safe Handling:	The use of suitable gloves is recommended whilst handling the product to prevent possible injury from sharp edges. Eye protection is recommended when cutting or releasing bands on the product to prevent eye injury. Impact resistant goggles or spectacles should meet the requirements of EN166. Banding or wrapping on the product must never be used to lift or handle the product. Systems of work and procedures should be designed to minimize the risk of injury to individuals as far as reasonably possible, taking account of all identifiable hazards. It should not normally be necessary to cut the product. Where cutting of the product is necessary normal good practice should be followed, relevant to the method employed. Hot working of the product should not be necessary and is not recommended.
References:	Personal Protective Equipment Regulations. Manual Handling Regulations . COSHH Regulations . Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations. (All available from HSE Books. Phone: (01787) 881165