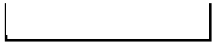


The following is a Police Connect message.



With the harvest season underway Suffolk Police are warning of the dangers of climbing on straw stacks awaiting collection from fields.

At approximately 3.50pm on Saturday 29th July 2017 youths were seen climbing on a large straw stack on a farm in Hinderclay. The youths also cut the bindings to some of the large bales and the stack collapsed causing significant damage valued at approximately £2,000. The damage can be seen on the attached image.

A police spokesperson warned "The stacks can be in excess of 40 feet high and the bales weigh nearly half a ton each. People are not allowed to run amok on construction sites because it is too dangerous, and the same must apply for farms; they are a workplace with many potential hazards and should not be treated as a playground.

The children were trespassing and damaging the bales and if they are injured in a quiet, isolated area, they may not be found for hours. Parents and guardians need to be made aware that they are responsible for their children's whereabouts."

There are a number of footpaths around the farm and police are appealing for any walkers that were in the area around this time and noticed any children or youths to call 101 quoting crime reference 37/52004/17



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<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

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