

# Thameslink Programme Health & Safety – Good Practice 002

## 'Nevosafe' Rebar Protection

### Overview/Description

Skanska encourage their workforce to share their ideas and best practices to tailor and help them complete their jobs safer and more efficiently.

A supervisor from their sub contractor, UK Reinforcement (UKR) working on the Bermondsey Dive Under (BDU) site suggested that a new system 'Nevosafe' be introduced to protect the ends of rebar on site. Nevosafe is effectively a protective strip as opposed to individual mushroom caps to provide protection to the workforce.

A small amount of the product was purchased for trial and was seen to be effective; as a consequence 'Nevosafe' is now used across the whole of the BDU site.

The strips are clipped on to the protruding ends of reinforcement bars instead of the individual caps in order to prevent injury from the open ends of the rebar.



The Nevosafe strips

### Benefits

The strips are reusable, come in a high visibility colour, are quicker and easier to install than the individual caps and importantly can take the impact of 100kg dropped from a height of 3 metres.

The men on site were particularly happy with the introduction of them as it means they can make better use of their time as they are now not spending hours fitting individual protective caps; and 'missing mushroom caps' has ceased to be a repeated inspection finding – which has benefitted everyone!

Via the BDU site's recognition scheme 'Making a Difference', the Supervisor was nominated by members of the team for an award after highlighting the safer and substantially more efficient method for protecting exposed rebar ends.



Supervisor from UKR receiving his 'Making a Difference' certificate from the Skanska Project Director