

## **Reporting Dangerous Structures within the Borough of Darlington.**

What do I do if I see a dangerous structure?

If you notice a dangerous structure or notice a potential danger to members of the public contact:  
During Office Hours call: 01325 406214. During office hours additional information can be forwarded to [buildingcontrolenquiries@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:buildingcontrolenquiries@darlington.gov.uk)

Out of Office Hours call: 01325 406112

Building Control will respond to reports of dangerous buildings and structures.

Under the provisions of the Building Act 1984, Darlington Borough Council has the responsibility for dealing with dangerous buildings or structures within the Borough of Darlington.

Buildings may become gradually dangerous due to age, deterioration, inclement weather, settlement, vandalism or by more dramatic causes such as fire, explosion or impact by vehicles.

Building Control will examine the extent and nature of any reported danger and will assess the nature of the danger and the risk to people and take the appropriate action to ensure everyone's safety.

If a serious danger exists, immediate action may be carried out to either remove or make safe the dangerous building or structure. In less serious cases the Building Control Surveyor may ensure the premises are secured to prevent unwanted access and the owner would then be contacted to discuss how he/she could rectify the situation. If the owner does not remove the danger, action would be taken in the Magistrates Court leading to the owner(s) being ordered to carry out the necessary work and be fully responsible for all the costs incurred. The Authority would execute the works and endeavour to recover all reasonable costs should the owner be unwilling to carry out the works.