



T & A Kernoghan joined Build Health initiative in early 2011 and since then one of our many changes has been the introduction of Mechanical Kerbing. The main hazards associated with the manual handling of kerbs are the weight of the kerb, the repetitive nature of the work and poor posture during the work. These hazards create excessive stress and strain on the body, which can cause damage to muscles and tendons, and in the longer term may lead progressively to more serious injury.

These injuries are commonly referred to as musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). MSDs account for a significant proportion of accidents and injuries in construction. They are a main reason for people having to leave the construction industry. New procedures have been established and now all our sites use total mechanisation techniques to ensure kerbs are always handled and laid mechanically (e.g. using vacuum devices/mechanical grabs etc.).

