

## Anti Climb Wall Toppings

Wall / fence topping systems discourage intrusion into your grounds or premises and need not look unattractive.

Historically embedding broken glass or nails into a cement bed on the top of the wall was favoured but this is now illegal and a number of specialist products and warning signage have evolved to meet the ongoing requirement.

Installation of such systems should only be undertaken by professional installers, who will be aware of the installation guidelines, codes of practice, warning sign requirements and general safety issues.

### Advice on installation

Local guidelines may vary and what may be deemed acceptable in one location may be viewed differently by Police, Planners, etc in another location.

The Planning and Environmental Health departments of your Local Authority may be able to offer advice on local requirements.

### The Laws

Anti-climb toppings may be used to defend your property, but the law puts certain restrictions on its use.

**Section 164 Highways Act 1980**, says that where, on land adjoining a highway, there is a fence made with Anti-climb toppings in or on it and the Anti-climb topping is a nuisance to the highway, a notice may be issued by the Local Authority for the nuisance to be removed.

Being a nuisance means that it is likely to cause injury to people or animals using the highway.

In practice, most Local Authority Highways Departments usually consider that an Anti-climb topping lower than eight feet (2 ½ metres) from the ground could be a nuisance to highway users.

If the Anti-climb topping is not adjoining the highway and an injury results, you could still be faced with a claim for damages under the **Occupier Liability Acts**. Occupiers of premises have a duty of care, to people entering or using their premises. This duty even extends to trespassers, although it is not as extensive as it is to people lawfully using or visiting the premises. So a burglar, who could not be aware that an Anti-climb topping was on top of a fence and injured themselves on it, could have a claim against you despite the fact that they were a trespasser.

### **Occupiers Liability Act 1984; Section 1(3)**

An occupier of premises owes a duty to another (not being their visitor) in respect of any such risk.... if;

- They are aware of the danger or has reasonable grounds to believe it exists.
- They know or has reasonable grounds to believe that the other is in the vicinity of the danger concerned or that they may come into the vicinity of the danger (in either case, whether the other has lawful authority for being in the vicinity or not) and
- The risk is one against which, in all the circumstances of the case, they may reasonably be expected to offer the other some protection.

### **Section 1(5)**

Any duty owed by virtue of this section in respect of a risk may in appropriate cases, be discharged by taking such steps as are reasonable in all the circumstances of the case to give warning of the danger concerned or to discharge persons from incurring the risk.

## **Barbed Wire**

Barbed wire may be used to defend your property, but the law puts certain restrictions on its use.

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The term "Barbed Wire" means anything with spikes or jagged projections, so would also include the wooden carpet gripper strips which have nails sticking up through the wood.

## **Razor Wire - Anti Climb Wall Topping**

Supplied in roll form - Razor Wire can prove a practical deterrent to would be intruders.

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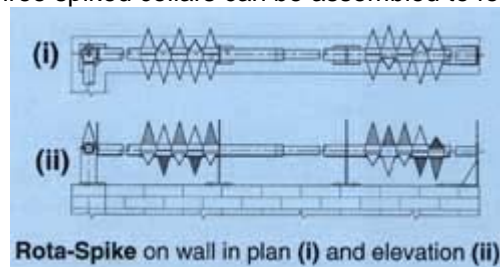
Razor wire is available with a choice of short, medium and ultra barbs. The "Ultra Barb" wire shown below incorporates a high tensile reinforcing band for maximum strength and elongated barbs for added deterrence.



The patented new flat coil wire is ideal for installation above walls and fences and forms a much less bulky barrier than traditional spiral coil wire.

## **Rota Spike - Anti Climb Wall Topping**

Rota Spike is a rotating barrier designed to be installed above an existing fence or wall. Rotating around a central spindle, the individual three spiked collars can be assembled to form a barrier of any length.



A range of support brackets are available including corner brackets, etc. Ideal for use with standard palisade fencing, etc. Rota Spike converts the perimeter into a formidable barrier against unauthorised access.

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## **Wall Spike - Anti Climb Wall Topping**

Wall Spikes were previously a possible option, however it has now been deemed unusable and has replaced by ROTA SPIKE (see above) which we believe is visually more attractive and which is of much more robust construction.



## Vanguard Anti Climb Wall Topping

A rotating barrier manufactured from split and formed aluminium tubing, Vanguard is a popular choice for commercial sites and an effective deterrent.

In tests, army personnel found this product particularly difficult to negotiate

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## Prickler Strip

Prickler Strip is a novel and attractive wall / fence topping which is ideal for protecting both domestic and commercial properties. Manufactured from a robust UV balanced weatherproof plastic,



Prickler is supplied in strip form where each strip is 462 x 48mm (approximately 18" x 2") and consists of a series of conical protrusions each approximately 20mm in height (3/4").

With no risk of serious or life threatening injury to intruders or animals, prickler is ideal for commercial or home use where discreet but effective protection is required.

**Note: to avoid accidental contact, prickler strip should not be installed at heights less than 2 metres high.**



## Spiked Collars for poles

Custom manufactured to any required size, spiked collars are ideal for protecting CCTV cameras, etc.

Painting the pole above the collar with anti climb paint (as shown right) can add to the overall effectiveness of the installation for high risk locations.



## Anti Climb Paint

Anti climb paint is applied thickly and never sets. It remains in gel form making any attempt at climbing any surface painted with it almost impossible and certainly very messy as it will contaminate skin, clothing, etc.

To avoid accidental contact, it is suggested that Anti Climb paint is only used on surfaces above 2 metres high and we recommend that it should be used in conjunction with appropriate warning signs.

Typically it is used on poles, downpipes, wall tops, railings, roof & ridge tiles, etc.

Safe and easy to apply with no volatile solvents, anti climb paint is virtually non toxic. It sheds most airborne debris and offers excellent weatherproofing protection to wood, metal and masonry surfaces

Anti Climb Paint - is black in colour and covers approximately one square metre per litre of paint. Available in 1.0, 2.5 and 5.0 litre cans.



**If you wish to have some sort of Anti Climb Topping protecting your property, it may be a good idea to check with your home insurance company that they would cover you in the event of a person claiming for an injury caused. It is for these reasons that most residents prefer to use Mother Nature's own protection i.e. berberis, pyrachanta, hawthorn, roses etc.**