

# Portapath Installation Guide

## **LAYING PORTAPATH AT THE SITE**

A site survey is essential. Inspect the area for deep potholes and mounds. The ideal site should be flat and level. Fill potholes with sand and flatten mounds with a spade. Remove any large stones and boulders.

There must be a strategic plan in place and the following must be considered:

- Measure the site area where Portapath is to be laid and the number of sheets required.
- Map out where to position these sheets as they are delivered to the site – do not store all in one corner of the field.
- Ensure that the person in charge of laying the flooring is adequately trained and has plenty of labour to hand.

**NB:** In situations where it is expected that Portapath is going to be laid for longer than a week and the weather is likely to be wet, it is recommended that an underlay is used. This will prevent the possibility of the tiles sinking into the mud, which can then find its way to the top surface of the Portapath flooring.

### **WARNING:**

**Always brief the workforce on all aspects of health and safety, especially with regard to the manual lifting of heavy weights such as rolls and sheets.**

## **PORTAPATH LAYING PROCEDURE**

1. Start the laying procedure by pegging out a string along the longest right hand edge of the site area
2. Start from the bottom of this string line and, keeping it on your right, then lay the first sheet with the clip connectors on the short end of the tile adjacent and parallel to the string line.
3. Connect the second sheet just in front of the first. Join the two together by the 8 connector clips on the long sides, (2 on each tile, 4 tiles). Always keep the clip connectors on the short side parallel and adjacent to the string line.
4. Place the third sheet to the left of the first, so that the clip connectors on the short side just overlap the connector channel; then snap the connectors into the locked position with light foot pressure.
5. Proceed in stepped formation, as per diagram.

