Unit 107: Working with brick, block and stone

# Worksheet 2: Protecting materials (tutor)

Learners should work independently to answer the questions.

1. If bricks or blocks are not covered when they are stacked ready for work, what could happen if they got wet?

Chemical reactions set off by moisture can cause staining on the surface of the wall later.

1. What would happen if a bricklayer tried to lay wet bricks?

A bricklayer would not be able to lay wet bricks accurately and they would be difficult to keep clean.

1. What is one simple way that a stack of bricks could be protected?

Place a spot board on top of the stack.

1. What precaution should be taken if a stack of bricks or blocks is covered with polythene sheeting?

The polythene sheeting should be weighted down carefully to avoid it blowing off.

1. Why should protection that has been removed from a materials stack be kept nearby as work proceeds?

To allow the stack to be quickly covered again if the weather suddenly deteriorates.