

# The **COAL** AUTHORITY



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SKEWEN  
NEATH

SA10 6PT

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Dear Sir or Madam

### **Your mine shaft report**

Thank you for your help with our recent inspection of the mine shaft(s) on your property. We are pleased to tell you that our inspector did not find any problems.

The results of our national inspection programme help us to keep our mine records up to date and identify any issues as soon as possible.

### **What happens next?**

You do not need to do anything - just keep this letter in a safe place. We will advise you if we intend to carry out a follow-up inspection as part of our rolling programme of inspections across Britain in the next few years.

### **Should I tell my mortgage company or insurer about the mine shaft?**

Seven million properties lie within Britain's coalfields. If there was a search when you bought your property, your mortgage company should already know about it. As far as your insurer is concerned, the discovery that there is an old mine shaft on your property is not necessarily a 'change in circumstances'. But it is probably worth checking the terms of your agreement - in case you have a responsibility to tell them.

### **What if I want to build near the mine shaft?**

If you want to build above or near the mine shaft, we can provide information and advice. Disturbing old mines can be dangerous - so depending on what you want to do, you may need our permission as well as consent from your local planning authority. If you're using a contractor, make sure he or she knows about the mine shaft. Call our building advice line on **0845 762 6848** for more information.

### **What if I notice a change near the mine shaft?**

If you are worried that a mine shaft looks dangerous, has caused damage or allows access to the mine, please call our emergency line on **01623 646 333**. Your safety is our priority and our lines are open 24 hours a day.

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### What to look for

- Old brickwork, markers, covers or fences that may need maintenance.
- A depression near the mine shaft.
- Cracks in structures or in the ground by the mine shaft.
- A boggy area or water flowing from a mine shaft.

Even if any of these conditions are present, it does not necessarily mean that there is a problem.

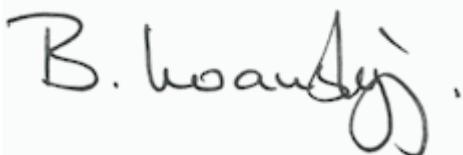
**Remember: our teams are specialists in mine inspections.  
NEVER explore a mine shaft yourself.**

### What happens if I call the emergency line?

We will send one of our inspectors to investigate after we receive your call to our emergency line. The Coal Authority is responsible in most cases for the condition of the mine shaft and for putting right damage due to coal mining subsidence.

Thank you again for your help. As promised, we enclose a map showing the position of the mine shaft(s) on your property.

Yours faithfully,



**B. Iwanskyj**

**Principal Manager  
Mine Entry Inspections**

### Shaft Location

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This plan shows the approximate location of the disused mine entry/entries. For reason of clarity, mine entry symbols may not be drawn to the same scale as the plan.

Approximate position of disused mine shaft is shown by



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Note: The symbols used to mark the recorded position of the coal mine entry are of disproportionate size.

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