

IMPACT OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN ON PARK LIABILITY



Municipal Risk Services Limited

RISK ASSESSMENTS

**DEVELOPMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT
PROGRAMS**

EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

TRAINING

LEGAL LIABILITY

FOR SOMEONE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUE FOR DAMAGES, THREE CRITERIA MUST EXIST:

1. THEY MUST BE OWED A *DUTY*
2. THE DUTY MUST HAVE BEEN *BREACHED*
3. THEY MUST HAVE SUFFERED *DAMAGES*

OCCUPIER'S LIABILITY ACT

- *“AN OCCUPIER OF PREMISES OWES A DUTY TO TAKE SUCH CARE AS IS REASONABLE TO SEE THAT PERSONS ENTERING ON THE PREMISES, ARE REASONABLY SAFE”*

RULE OF THUMB

IF YOU KNOW OF A DANGER

(OR OUGHT TO KNOW)

**YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THAT
DANGER**

IMPACT OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

LANDSCAPING CAN:

CREATE HAZARDS

REDUCE HAZARDS

PROVIDE NATURAL PROTECTION FROM HAZARDS

















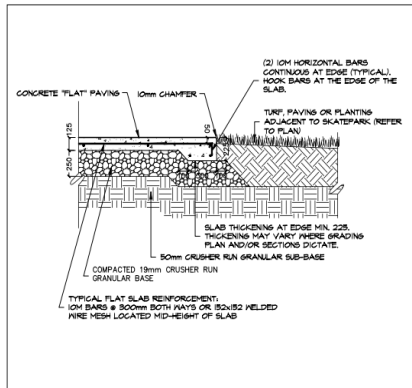




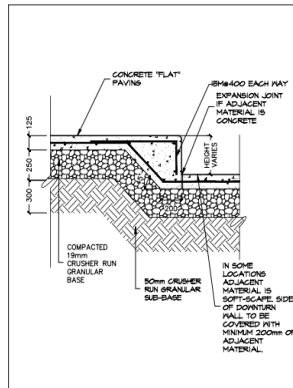




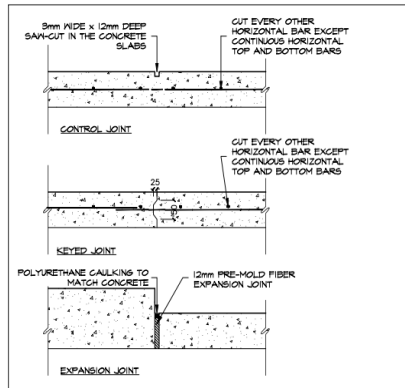




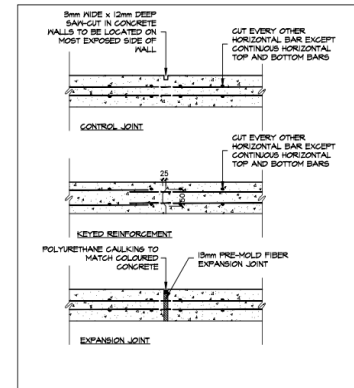
1 CONCRETE "FLAT" PAVING
SCALE: 1:20



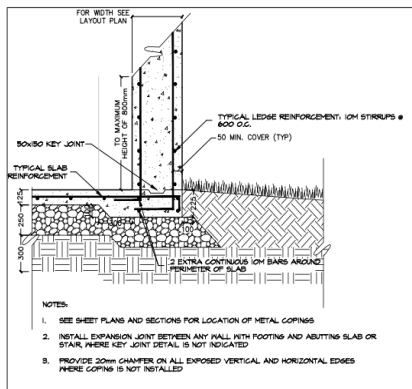
2 CONCRETE DOWN TURN WALL
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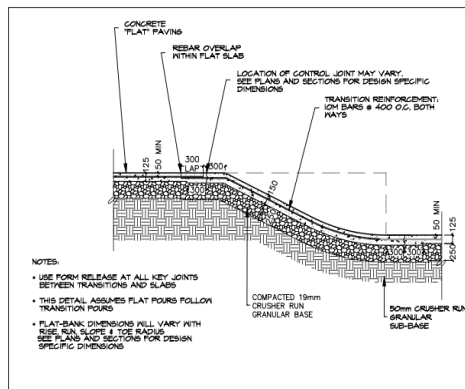
3 SURFACE JOINTS (SECTION VIEW)
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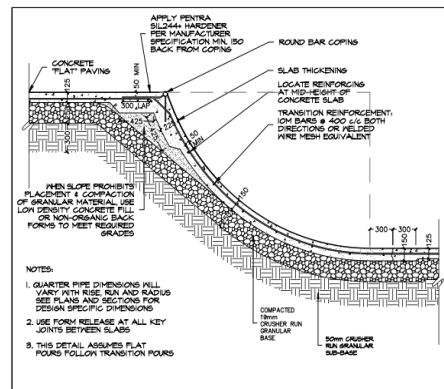
4 VERTICAL JOINTS IN WALLS (PLAN VIEW)
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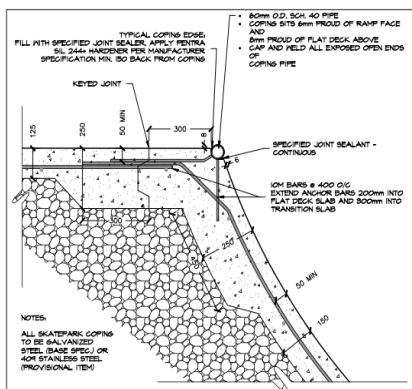
5 CONCRETE WALL ON THICKENED SLAB
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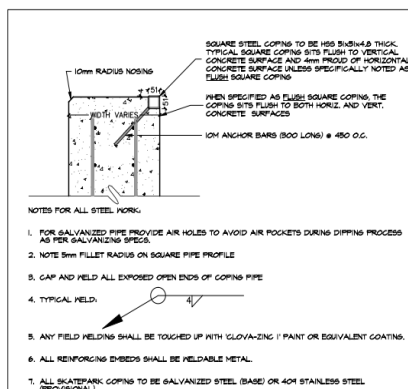
6 CONCRETE FLAT-BANK
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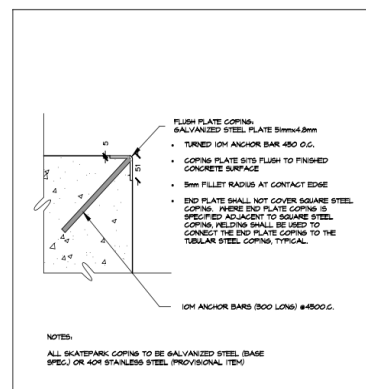
7 CONCRETE QUARTER PIPE
SCALE: 1:25



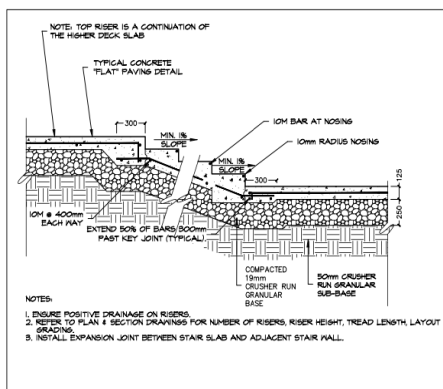
8 ROUND BAR COPING
SCALE: N.T.S.



9 SQUARE COPING
SCALE: N.T.S.



10 END-PLATE COPING FLUSH
SCALE: N.T.S.



11 CONCRETE STAIRS
SCALE: 1:20

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- IS LANDSCAPING CREATING/ REDUCING OR ELIMINATING RISK?
- IF ACCIDENT OCCURRED HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR LANDSCAPING DECISIONS?

THANK YOU