

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CUTTING TILES ON SITE

When tiles are required to be cut to length/width for trimming or have holes cut into them to accommodate service ducts or fittings the following procedure is recommended: -

- 1. The area of the tiles painted surface that requires cutting should have masking tape applied onto which the line of the cut should be marked. Care should be taken to avoid excessive tape application beyond the extremes of the line of cut.**
- 2. The cut, where possible, should be made with a proprietary electric shear cutter or hand scissor shears ensuring that the cutting blade is sharp and fit for the purpose.**
- 3. Where circular holes are required to be cut into the face of the tile this should be carried out using a series of chain drilled holes to minimise the distortion along the cutting line. Care should be taken to support the face of the tile (inside surface) to avoid distortion of the face of the tile.**
- 4. When cutting square or rectangular holes in the face a tile it is advisable to drill a hole at each corner of the proposed opening.**
- 5. All cutting/drilling should be carried out working on the painted face of the tile, which should be adequately supported during this operation.**
- 6. After completing the cut out the face of the cut should be filed/dressed to remove any burrs or high points prior to the masking tape being removed and any residue of the tape cleaned off the face of the tile.**

This advice is offered in good faith but the responsibility to ensure a good “fit for the purpose cut” is achieved remains the responsibility of the ceiling contractor on site.