KICKBOARD ASSEMBLY FOR A BARRIER

Technical Field

The present invention relates to barrier assemblies and more particularly but not exclusively to barrier assemblies employed on construction sites and more particularly but not exclusively to barrier assemblies such as temporary fencing and rail systems for floor slab edge installation during the construction of multi storey buildings.

Background of the Invention

During construction, and prior to the floors being permanently closed (for example by a curtain wall) temporary fencing is required adjacent the periphery of floor slabs for safety purposes.

Current barrier assemblies have a number of disadvantages including difficulty in providing openings for the purposes of gates, difficulty in respect of accommodating different lengths to which the barrier assemblies are to be applied, difficulty in respect of installation adjacent slab edges, difficulty in accommodating columns and other protrusions, inhibiting work that is to be performed beyond the barrier assembly, such as the installations of brackets and curtain walls, with the workmen remaining on the safe side of the barrier assembly and providing suitable connection points for anchors used for safety lines and harnesses.

Object of the Invention

It is the object of the present invention to overcome or substantially ameliorate at least one of the above disadvantages.

Summary of the Invention

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is disclosed herein a kickboard assembly for a barrier, said kickboard assembly including an elongated base, said base being relatively rigid, and a resilient flexible member extending longitudinally of the base and projecting therefrom.

Preferably, said base has an upper and a lower longitudinally extending edge portion and said flexible member is attached to said base adjacent said lower portion.

Preferably, said base has a longitudinally extending groove, and said flexible member a longitudinally extending projection located within the groove to secure the flexible member to the base, said groove being located adjacent said lower poriton.

Preferably, said base has a second longitudinally extending groove, the second groove being located adjacent said upper portion, and said flexible member has a second longitudinally extending portion locatable in said second groove, to selectively locate the flexible member adjacent the base.