

Highways working

Site: Any (on or near a highway)	Date:		
<p>Main work activities: Any roadside activities not subject to a more specific risk-assessment</p> <p><i>NB This is a generic risk assessment for guidance. While it may be suitable for many low-risk roadside activities, further or different controls may be necessary for specific people, locations and tasks (see further guidance overleaf). This assessment should be modified and personalised accordingly.</i></p>			
<p>Maximum number of people exposed: 2 (exceptionally, up to 5)</p> <p>Category, (skilled, visitor, trainee etc.): All</p> <p>Age range: 18+</p> <p>Frequency and duration of exposure: Locally daily, but for short periods. Rarely for extended periods.</p>			
<p>Hazards/risks identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other road users. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collision with other road user b. Near miss causing accident involving third party 2. General outdoor site work¹ 3. Any more specific health-hazards associated with the task (e.g. litter/fly-tipped waste).² 4. General hazards associated with driving activities³ 			
<p>Current action taken to reduce the risk (if any):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadside work is only undertaken by suitably trained/qualified persons or under their supervision 2. Roadside work is only carried out subject to a site-specific dynamic risk assessment 3. Appropriate warning signs are posted for any prolonged roadside activity 4. Hazard warning lights are used unless vehicles are well clear of the highway 5. Hi-visibility clothing and other appropriate PPE is used 6. Wherever feasible work is conducted towards oncoming traffic 7. Lookout or banksperson(s) are deployed as necessary <p>Risk assessment (taking account of existing controls):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A serious risk remains requiring immediate action as detailed below 2. A significant risk remains and will be further dealt with as detailed below 3. This is considered a low/acceptable risk that is currently sufficiently well controlled 			
Agreed new/additional control measures:	When	Who	Done

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1. See also Generic Risk Assessment 6 – Outdoor working
2. See also Generic Risk Assessment 7a – COSHH simple/no information/MSDS
3. See also Generic Risk Assessment 3 – Driving at work

Ask yourself these 2 key questions:

- 1. Will someone using the road, footway or RoW from any direction understand exactly what is happening and what is expected of them?**
- 2. Have I made the site safe to work in and for the general public?**

Responsibilities for those planning, risk assessing and carrying out works on or near the highway

- 1. Ensure that the correct procedures have been followed for works that involve the need for prior consultation, consent or agreement (e.g. highway closures, working in the vicinity of railways and/or RoW, etc);*
- 2. Ensure that before you start that a site specific risk assessment has been carried out, paying particular attention to the requirements of highway users, including pedestrians and vulnerable users such as disabled people. If circumstances change, you should consider whether the risk assessment needs revising;*
- 3. Ensure that before you start that the works site layout has been planned, necessary equipment has been identified and that you know how you will set the site out;*
- 4. Understand and implement pre-planned site safety requirements before starting the works;*
- 5. Sign, light, guard and maintain your works safely at all times;*
- 6. Ensure that your works remain compliant and safe as works progress or following any alteration;*
- 7. Ensure that the safety of yourself and others who pass near or through the works;*
- 8. Consult your supervisor immediately if you are unsure about any requirements contained in your work instruction; and*
- 9. Ensure that the work team understands all key safety issues and the local site risk assessment related to the activity.*

NB Only appropriately trained and competent operatives, supervisors, managers or other competent persons should be engaged in the assessment, design, setting up, maintaining and removing of signing, lighting, guarding and temporary traffic control.

*Key factors to consider in your **site specific risk assessment** include:*

- the type and classification of the road;*
- the road width;*
- the size and shape of the site;*
- approaches to the site and visibility for traffic;*
- the volume and type of traffic (including pedestrian and cyclist activity); and*
- the speed limit.*

Equipment - *Check that you have all of the equipment you need to safely sign, light and guard your site and for personal protection as necessary.*

**Additional detailed guidance on working on or near the highway is available
Contact your supervisor or Occupational Safety and Health Adviser**