

Safety Communication



S/C/43 - Safety at Street works

Introduction

There has been a concerning trend we have identified in recent months. There has been a notable increase in incidents involving setting up sites, maintaining site and the condition of sites left on the street, road and within the customer boundary. These incidents are primary injuring the member of the public.

Below are a few examples of non- compliance on Cadent sites:



In this photo, the pedestrian door from the garage led directly into the excavation.

In this situation, following a conversation with the householder around access to and from the property, the garage door should have been barriered off to prevent access.

In this photo, there is a protruding nail sticking out of footway board, this resulted in a member of the public tripping and breaking their upper arm.



In this photo, not enough clearance has been given on either side of the footway board. This resulted in the board falling into the excavation when stood on. This resulted in facial abrasions to their top lip and nose, multiple fractures to their left elbow and a tricep injury.

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Guidance can be found in the New Roads and Street Works Code of Practice

There are two key questions to ask yourself:

1. Will someone using the road or footway 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 public?

This code of practice will also show typical site layouts, equipment and working methods. It does not cover all situations; in this case you must consult with your supervisor to consult with the highway authority.



Failure to comply with this Code is evidence of failing to fulfil the legal requirements to sign, light and guard works.

Information for first line managers and operatives

- ✓ Ensure a Site-Specific Risk Assessment has been completed
- ✓ Mitigate any risks identified
- ✓ Ensure site layout complies with permit conditions or planned site setup
- ✓ Maintain safety throughout works
- ✓ Periodically review site conditions
- ✓ Help others navigate works
- ✓ Set out the site with consideration of vulnerable people
- ✓ Consult supervisor for advice, if you're not sure
- ✓ Capture photos throughout
- ✓ At entrances, exits and places with high footfall – reinstatement must be completed without delay

If you do not have the right equipment at the start the works, we do not start work.

If we need more equipment at the end of the works, we must not leave the site until it is in a safe condition.

We must always hazard on Enablon and dispose of any defective equipment, so it does not get re-used.

Please ensure all MOP injuries are reported in Enablon without delay and in line with CAD/SHES/MS/17 – SHES Management Standard: Incident Reporting and Investigation