**Guidance Bulletin** 

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*Crossing Fever*

**Closure of Pedestrian Crossing Points**

As part of making a site safe and compliant it may be necessary to close a pedestrian crossing point and provide an alternative safe place for pedestrians to cross the road away from our works. 

If a Pedestrian, Cycle (Toucan) or equestrian crossing has to be suspended owing to works you **MUST:**

• ensure the suspension has been **authorised** by the highway authority.

• agree with the highway authority what, if any, alternative arrangements will be provided for users of the crossing prior to suspension.

• ensure ‘Crossing not in use’ signs have been erected.

• ensure Zebra crossing globes, signal heads and push button units (including any tactile rotating cones under the push button units for visually impaired people) are covered using suitable covers **NOT** things like black bin liners.

• disable any audible warnings for visually impaired people and cover any tactile paving that can still be accessed. • erect barriers across the accesses to the crossing; and

• close both sides’ crossings if the works spread into one or both sides of a crossing that has a central refuge.

**DO’s & DON’Ts**

**• DO** Consider **ALL ALTERNATIVES** before you close a pedestrian crossing

**• DO** Complete a street works site specific risk assessment that includes pedestrian managment

**• DO** Check you have authorisation to close a crossing from the Highway Authority and it is for the time you are doing it. **• DO** Make sure you walk any alternative routes to ensure they are safe and compliant.

**• DO** Consider the safety of adults, children, wheelchair users and the partially sighted when deciding the right method. **• DO** Use the correct bags and covers to close the crossing and cover the lights and beacons.

**• DO** Consider installing a temporary crossing point if the permanent crossing is going to be closed for a extended period

**• DON’T Close a crossing unless you have to.**

**• DON’T** Forget to bag off all lights, disable audible warnings and cover any push button units

**• DON’T** Leave a site without checking it is still safe for pedestrians.

**• DON’T** Start work until you are sure how you are going to manage pedestrians safely past/ through your works. \*HAUC(UK) thanks Morrison Water Services in their help in the creation of this guidance. 

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