

# ACCESSING CABINETS IN THE HIGHWAY



## METHODOLOGY

Prior to commencing works ensure a point of work risk assessment is completed via the telecoms Risk assessment app, photos must be included to show pre and post site set up.

All relevant information and instructions for the work should be readily available for reference, including standard risk assessments and method statements. This can be found on the SHEQ Team Pack.

Works vehicle must be legally parked, never on double yellows or on the footway, unless inside the designated CDM area. Ideally a site survey should be completed prior to starting works to establish safe, off road, parking, thus preventing obstructions to other highway users.

Please Note: All company vehicles operating in the highway must be of a conspicuous nature – Chapter 8 Livery and flashing Amber beacons. Flashing amber beacons must be illuminated during access and egress of demarcated area.

When setting up the works area, consideration must be given to pedestrian access, paying particular attention to wheelchair / pushchair users. Footway width must not be reduced to below 1 meter.

If the footway is reduced to below 1 meter, and no other footway is available, then a safe alternative route must be provided.

The Footway can be closed temporarily for a maximum of 15 minutes, please refer to Safety at Street Works Code of Practice Page 32 for minimum requirements.

Engineers are required to carry a calibrated GDU, when accessing cabinets. A test must be completed on opening cabinets doors, minimum of 30 seconds. Ideally, for continual monitoring, GDU's should be attached to collar for effective readings.

Cabinet doors must be secured with latch when open, barriers must be installed to demarcate the work area.

Engineers should utilise an ergonomic kneeling mat when working in the cabinet.

On completion of works, all equipment must be removed from site, including signs, lights, guards.

### Competencies

NRSW Operative 1 for setting out Traffic Management.



## HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

- Working in the highway
- Moving motor vehicles
- Pedestrians / cyclists
- Line of sight / visibility clear
- Toxic gases



## PLANT, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS

- Chapter 8 Barriers and Signs
- Hand tools
- Works Vehicle including Ch8 Livery and flashing amber beacons



## EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

- Fire extinguisher must be readily available
- First aid provisions must be readily available, inc eye wash
- If lone working, ensure Lone Worker app is utilised
- Ensure nearest A&E location is known



## ENVIRONMENTAL

- Remove all waste generated
- Switch vehicles and plant off when not in use
- Where possible keep noise to a minimum



## PPE REQUIREMENTS

*PPE items shown below must be available and worn wear necessary during this task.*

- Class 3 Hi visibility clothing to be worn at all times
- Hard hat if required / bump cap as minimum
- Ear Defenders (Task Specific)
- Eye protection (Task Specific)
- Suitable gloves (Task Specific)
- Correct foot wear – Steel toe caps and ankle support
- Ergonomic kneeling mat



## COSHH

- Toxic / Flammable atmosphere