

CEMENT & CONCRETE

Water contaminated with cement is highly alkaline and can be toxic to fish, plants and animals living in watercourses. Cement particles entering a watercourse can clog fishes' gills and also destroy their spawning grounds.

It is illegal to allow cement, unset concrete or washout water containing cement to enter a watercourse or drain.

Special permission is needed before construction work can take place in a watercourse.



DO

- ✓ Identify all watercourses, gullies and drains prior to commencing work.
- ✓ Store bulk and bagged cement and concrete additives at least 10 metres away from watercourses, gullies and drains.
- ✓ Undertake mixing/batching works well away from watercourses and drains.
- ✓ Use only designated areas for concrete washout.
- ✓ Where necessary protect nearby drains against washout water running into them.
- ✓ **NOTIFY** your manager **IMMEDIATELY** if you see any concrete spillages or concrete washout likely to cause pollution.



DON'T

- ✗ **DON'T** hose down spills of concrete or cement into surface water drains.
- ✗ **DON'T** allow washout water to flow into any watercourse or drain.
- ✗ **DON'T** allow ready-mix trucks to washout anywhere other than in safe areas designated for the purpose.
- ✗ **DON'T** wash off any tools or plant in watercourses.

