

Towing

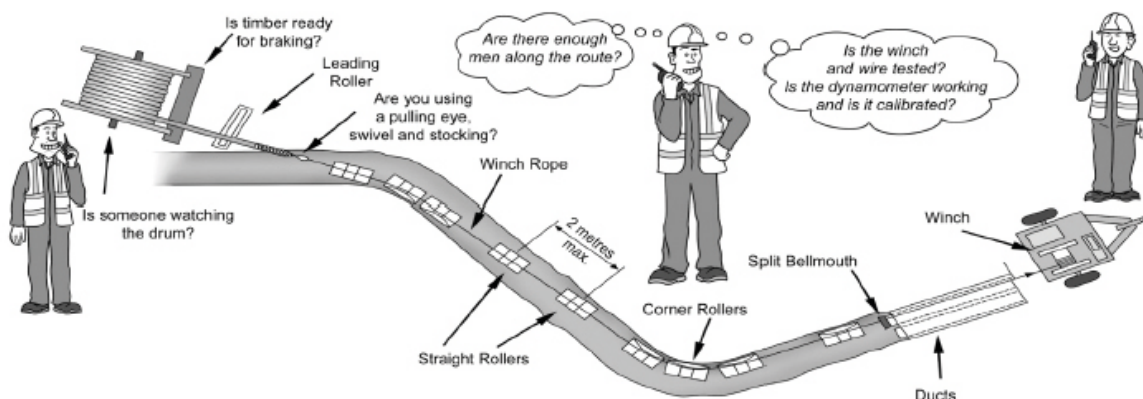
- You must be in possession of a full driving licence with the relevant weight category and towing entitlements.
- You must have been given permission from your line manager and have completed a Vehicle Licence Mandate Form.

Precautions to Prevent Injury

- The winch will only be operated by a trained, authorised and competent person.
- The winch must be inspected for defects before use.
- Winches are to be examined by an Authorised Person every six months and a valid Inspection Label fitted in a prominent place.
- Reversing of the winch must be undertaken with the assistance of a vehicle marshal / banks-person.
- Leave the winch attached to the towing vehicle. The vehicle is to have the hand-brake fully engaged and is to be left in gear. The handbrake on the winch must also be fully engaged and the wheels chocked if necessary before any winching activities commence.
- Deploy out riggers.
- Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (Safe Six).

Winching

- Use rollers to assist the pull and to reduce the likelihood of damage to the cable / pipe.
- Rollers are to be set at a maximum of two metre intervals with corner rollers as necessary.
- The end of the cable / pipe is to be fitted with the appropriate attachments e.g. stocking, pulling / swivel eye etc.
- Where the pull goes from open trench into duct, a split bellmouth is to be used to ensure a smooth pull into the duct and avoid damage.
- Use appropriate lubricant to ease the pull through ducts.
- A dynamometer shall be continuously monitored to ensure that the maximum pulling tension is not exceeded at any time.



THERE MUST BE SUFFICIENT TEAM MEMBERS STATIONED ALONG THE ROUTE WITH SUITABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO ENSURE A CONTROLLED AND SAFE PULL.