

# Devon Highways

## Our strategy is to

- ♦ drive efficiencies when planning and delivering highway maintenance works
- ♦ mobilise community support for highway maintenance
- ♦ manage demand for highway services.



## What is a pothole?

A pothole is defined as a sharp edged hole in the carriageway surface at least 300mm across and at least 40mm deep.



## Safety defects

All safety defects are defined in the Safety Inspection Manual available at: [www.devon.gov.uk/roadm-highway-safety-inspections](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadm-highway-safety-inspections)

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*Members Information Pack*

## Fixing potholes

On busier roads (Maintenance Category 3-6) our policy is to make the hole safe by the next working day, and do a permanent repair within 28 days. So to avoid extra costs we usually aim to carry out a permanent repair at the first visit. The permanent repair specification is to cut out the hole and compact hot bituminous material into the void. Occasionally we'll do a temporary repair without cutting out if the location needs specialist traffic management, or if the road is scheduled for more extensive repair within six months.

On more minor roads (Maintenance Category 7-10) our policy is to repair within 7 days. On these roads we do not cut the hole edges and allow the alternative use of cold lay bituminous material

On field access only roads (Maintenance Category 11) we aim to make safe within 28 days.