

Roadworks

A very high-risk environment due to the adjacent traffic. Think about it – you have no control over the abilities of the drivers or the condition of the vehicles and they can go anywhere – very quickly and unexpectedly.

In this environment, we need to be alert, know exactly what we can and can't do, and look after each other.

- Traffic management is specialist activity - leave it to the specialists. Don't move or interfere with anything. If traffic management gets displaced – report it.
- Traffic management has a safety zone between the work area and the traffic – often marked by a rope:-
 - Don't work in this zone
 - Don't put tools, equipment, plant or materials in this zone
- To protect both you, your colleagues and members of the public, there are set procedures for both entering and leaving roadworks.

If in any doubt – Ask.

- Make sure you are visible – your high-visibility clothing (long-sleeved on motorways) needs to be in good condition and clean. Know the site requirements for vehicle and plant signage and flashing beacons and stick to them.
- Should you be operating any plant and equipment within the works, ensure that no part encroaches into the safety zone, or live traffic lane.
- Use common sense – if it's possible to position a vehicle or plant between you and an out-of-control vehicle, do it.
- If there is an accident in the live traffic lane, think twice before you assist. It might be your first reaction but your first consideration should be to inform others (Traffic Safety Control Officer/Recovery Service/Emergency Services/Others) and then leave them to deal with the situation.

Questions:

- 1 What are the requirements for entry and exit from the traffic management on this site?
- 2 What are the requirements for vehicle signage and flashing beacon use on this site?
- 3 What are the arrangements on this site should there be a road traffic accident in the live lane?

Further Information:- CIP Manual, Section 26