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Close To The Edge!

Works close to the kerb edge

When excavating on a footway there may be a requirement for the provision of a sideways safety zone in the carriageway even if all the works are on the footway.

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"When working in a footway, remember you must provide a safety zone in the carriageway if the working space is closer to the edge of the carriageway than the width of the sideways clearance (S). If cones are placed in the road, advance signing will be required.

These same principles apply when working in a verge or cycle track adjacent to the carriageway."



- Roads up to 40mph If the works are closer than 0.5m to the c/w edge then a safety zone is required
- Roads up to 60mph If the works are closer than 1.2m to the c/w edge then a safety zone is required

When leaving the site, the safety zone and the advance signing for it may be removed <u>BUT</u> it must be replaced when the site is occupied, or it will be <u>non-compliant</u>

DO'S & DON'TS

- DO make sure you install this safety zone if required, especially if the site is occupied
- DO place the cones so they touch the kerb
- DO place Road Works Ahead and Road Narrows if this zone is required
- DON'T assume that you do not need a sideways safety zone when working on a footway, check your distances!
- DON'T leave site without putting the sideways safety zone in place or the correct signs if your work encroaches onto the c/w in any way



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