

Guidance Bulletin

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Safe Passage!

The Use of Walkways in Carriageways to Manage Pedestrian



It may be necessary to redirect pedestrians into a temporary walkway in the carriageway to provide them with safe passage passed our works. These walkways must be identified as necessary when you complete your street works site specific risk assessment.

- All pedestrian routes must be fit for purpose and able to be used safely by all pedestrians, including older people, the less able and visually impaired.
- Surfaces should be reasonably smooth without steep gradients or cross falls and be free of all obstructions both at low and high level.
- A suitable barrier must be placed between a pedestrian route and any adjacent drops, steep slopes and the carriageway.
- Remember you will still need your safety zones.
- Footway boards may be used on footways to maintain a route for pedestrians and provide light vehicle access to premises during excavation works

DO'S & DON'TS

- DO complete your street works site specific risk assessment <u>BEFORE</u> you start setting out the site.
- DO try to provide a walkway using the existing footway where possible with an absolute minimum width of 1m
- DO try to provide at least 1.2m unobstructed width if you have to use a temporary walkway in the carriageway
- DO make sure all ramps are in place and secured.
- DO make sure that Ramps and Boards are fit for purpose.
- DO make sure the signing and guarding barriers are put into place before the footway is blocked.
- **DO** site checks on all walkways throughout the day
- DON'T block the footway, a minimum width of 1m must be maintained on the footway at all times
- **DON'T** leave any spoil or materials within the walkway
- DON'T leave barrier systems unlocked.
- DON'T erect the walkway unless you can maintain absolute minimum running widths of carriageway

PAGES 28 – 34 Safety Code of Practice (Red Book) DO HIGHWAYS THE RIGHTWAYS



For any queries or problems, please contact your immediate supervisor / manager in the first instance

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