

Working in the carriageway - Stamp & Dash

Safety Alert

June 2017

Description:

A couple of recent incidents within Areas 7 and 10 has highlighted that the practice of 'Stamp and Dash' is still being used by some service providers on our network.

Highways Maintenance crews have been witnessed undertaking carriageway repairs utilising lookouts to complete temporary repairs in live lanes of busy motorways.



On the 10th April 2017, Nick Harris wrote to the supply chain informing them of the intention to prohibit 'Stamp and Dash' from 30th April. Highways England expects the supply chain to have ceased undertaking this activity by that date.

This move is aimed at better protecting workers while undertaking essential work on our network.

Actions

- The supply chain were asked to respond by the 18th April informing Highways England if this prohibition would cause operational or safety concerns.
- Should staff feel the task they are undertaking is wrong and /or dangerous at any time, they should stop immediately and discuss it with their line manager.
- Prior to carrying out any work, staff should always refer to the agreed risk assessment and method statements provided and select the most appropriate protection to be used during the activity.
- If the required controls are not in place or available no one should proceed without taking further advice from their line manager.

Further Information:

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