



Safety Alert

Live Lane Crossing

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HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

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REASON FOR THIS HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

A recent incident has highlighted the need to reinforce the rules relating to Live Lane Crossing on the Highway network. Whilst conducting a General Inspection (GI) on a structure crossing the A1M in Area 14 an Amey Consulting engineer who was Lone Working crossed the live carriage way to gain access to the central reservation pillar to get a closer look at an area of damage. The live lane crossing was conducted without any additional controls being put in place e.g. Rolling roadblock or TM etc. A passing HE Traffic Officer observed the Engineer lone working in the central reservation and challenged the engineer. The incident was subsequently reported, and an investigation commenced.



ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND LEARNING TO BE APPLIED

- Irrespective of the traffic flows or task urgency making an unplanned crossing of the Live carriage way of a Motorway (and similar high-speed road) is prohibited, report your concerns and seek support.
- Crossing the Live carriage way of a Motorway (and similar high-speed road) **Must** be avoided.
- If there is **no alternative and the need to cross is essential**, then this **must** be risk assessed, planned and conducted in **compliance with an agreed Safe System of Work** in consultation with the relevant Amey management and Traffic Authorities before the crossing is undertaken.
- Trained and Competent Traffic Management Operatives may be permitted to cross the carriageway as part of their duties as part of a planned SSOW.
- Where Lone working cannot be avoided, this also needs to be planned and managed with suitable Safe System of Work and controls put in place.

CONCLUSION / FINAL NOTE

Working on live carriageways is among the highest risk activities being carried out across the Consulting BU which can result in severe injuries or fatalities if not managed and controlled effectively. It is essential that all necessary management controls are in place to reduce the risks associated with any activity we carry out and it must be ensured that all required control measures and safe working practices are agreed and are being maintained.

Irrespective of the immediate or perceived urgency, do not cross the Live carriage way without additional controls and support. Call for assistance and support, your life is not worth the risk.

Remember Zero code - Ready to go, Kitted out, Stick to the plan, Stay alert – if in doubt take 5 and shout out



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