

# Safety Alert

## Identifying authorised workers on the Strategic Road Network (SRN)

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### Background information

We have been made aware that a Birmingham based shop is selling old Highways Agency branded high visibility jackets.

As shown, these appear similar at a distance to some types of current high visibility jackets used by our workers but have the old Highways Agency logo on the front with the legend "Highways Agency Incident Support Worker" on the back.

The vendor doesn't have authority to sell such merchandise and our National Highways Legal Department are currently managing the situation.

Safety and security of our sites, depots, compounds and the SRN is a high priority. Access to our sites and the SRN by unauthorised individuals carries safety risk for those individuals and also for our workers who will have to assist them to leave sites or the SRN safely. It may also put the security and correct operation of the SRN at risk.

It's therefore important to prevent access by unauthorised individuals, whether from groups actively opposed to National Highways' work / using the strategic road network as a platform for protest or those undertaking activities such as vehicle recovery who are not officially appointed by National Highways or their supply chain.



### Recommendations

- Never assume that an individual wearing what appears to be the correct PPE is authorised to be on site or on the SRN.
- Please be vigilant at site entrances and when on the SRN and challenge individuals who are not known to you to prove they are authorised to access the site/SRN.
- Photo ID (such as the National Highways Passport) should always be requested and checked. National Highways employees should always carry additional ID in the form of a staff badge and will welcome being challenged.
- If anyone tries to gain entry a site or is observed suspiciously on the SRN without the correct PPE and relevant ID, then please call the police immediately, and make your supervisor/line manager aware.
- Safely record as much detail of the incident as possible and also please remember to report it on HART.

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