



Safety Alert

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What Happened

A Waterlink Gang were working on a shared driveway requiring them to leave their vehicle on the road. Expecting it to be there for most of the day they put out some Chapter 8 signage.

One of the team had just retrieved an item from the back of the van and was handing it to his colleague when he heard a bang as a third party vehicle drove into the back of their van.

The other driver reported being dazzled by the low sun. Had this occurred moments before, the Waterlink technician would have been in the collision path.



The team in question had done everything right but were still lucky to have escaped unhurt.

What Lessons Can Be Learnt?

The gang had installed a taper zone suitable for a 30mph road, the marked speed of the road, however the prevailing speed of the vehicles was faster as it was a long straight road on the exit from the village.

After the incident the taper zone was extended in order to ensure that if a driver failed to see the van they would hit cones rather than the van or, worse still, one of the technicians.

Highways Authorities have confirmed that it is acceptable to risk assess and put out signage according to the prevailing conditions. The red book is merely the minimum requirement.

What Do You Need To Do?

- When parking try to park off of the carriageway.
- Where this is not possible consider how visible you may be taking account topography and weather.
- Risk assess the signage that you will need and if necessary install a provision for a faster road in order to minimize risk
- Wherever possible place items that you will need so that they can be accessed by the side door.

Safe Every Way

