

Safety Alert

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What Happened

When undertaking street works audits in December it was discovered that some road signs, essential for the public safety and the safety of our gangs, had been stolen overnight. The gang working on the site were unaware and had not walked around the site to check that signage was in place before they started work.

When the gang called their supervisor they were informed that this was the second reported theft that morning.

Later in the day, when visiting the insurance desk, I was made aware of an insurance claim from a member of the public who had encountered roadworks with missing signs and had an accident, fortunately without injury.

What Lessons Can Be Learnt?

We are considering what security options exist for the most critical works but at the end of the day signs are portable and there is an element of society that will not consider the risks posed by such thefts.

Wherever possible we should leave sites in a safe condition when unattended.

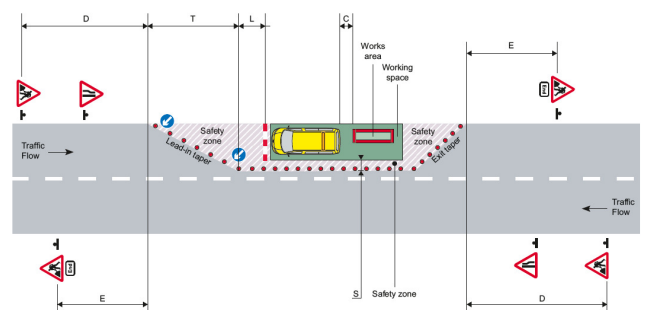
Where the safety of the site relies on signs lighting and guarding we should make regular checks to ensure that these have not been compromised or removed.

What Do You Need To Do?

When you arrive at any street works, don't go straight to the opening and focus solely on the job. This is your work place, take ownership for its safety.

- Is signing lighting and guarding in place as required by the red book?
- Is it clear to all approaching traffic, and in plenty of time, what to expect and how to navigate your works safely?
- Are you satisfied that you are able to complete the job safely in the work area that has been laid out?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, STOP and escalate to your supervisor.



Safe Every Way

