



Safety Alert

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What Happened

A leakage technician was attending a leak in a rural area. The lane was narrow and in an attempt to avoid a closure the signing and guarding did not include a side protection zone.



Side protection zones are an essential part of any street works as this provides a buffer zone between the working area and any traffic. The minimum that should be provided is 0.5m

The technician was unable to see what he needed to from the taper zone and so moved to the live traffic side of the excavation.

He stepped back into the traffic lane as a car passed causing the car to clip his ankle.

Fortunately he avoided serious injury but this accident could have been much worse.

What Lessons Can Be Learnt?

All street works require a side protection zone. If you cannot accommodate the working area and the safety zone and leave sufficient width for traffic then a road closure is required.

When attending a street works follow your training and stand in the safest location.

Always maintain a focus on the traffic

What Do You Need To Do?

Never compromise on safety zones, they are your lifeline.

If you see a street works without a safety zone halt work and ensure that signing lighting and guarding is installed as required in the red book.

Safe Every Way

