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Work Safety Alert

Struck by Moving Vehicle on Carriageway

1. **Date of Accident :** June 2019
2. **Place of Accident :** On a carriageway
3. **Summary :**

A female worker while placing temporary traffic signs for drainage clearance works on a carriageway, was knocked down by a moving motor bike. She sustained serious bodily injuries and passed away on the following day.

4. **Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :**

To prevent any workers/ employees engaged in road works, including placing of or retrieval of temporary traffic arrangement, from being endangered by moving vehicles, the responsible contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which should include, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the road works, particularly the safety of the road works personnel, taking into account the nature of work, flow of traffic and movement of workers to-and-fro the work area;



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- formulating safe work methods and procedures prior to the work, including the setting up of temporary traffic arrangement, with due regard to the results of risk assessments, and in line with relevant codes of practice and guidelines;
- ensuring that the procedures for road works, including the setting up of temporary traffic arrangement, are performed in accordance with relevant codes of practice;
- as far as practicable, giving advance warnings on road works ahead through a suitable notification system to alert drivers as early as possible;
- providing all workers/ employees involving road works with personal protective equipment as necessary, such as reflective jackets, and ensuring their proper use of the equipment;
- ensuring that workers/ employees carrying out the road works are facing oncoming traffic as far as possible and all of them are safe by position;
- depending on the traffic density and road conditions, seeking assistance from the Police if necessary;
- providing all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures; and
- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.



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5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work¹](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment¹](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training¹](#)
- [Code of Practice for the Lighting, Signing and Guarding of Road Works by the Highways Department¹](#)

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