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Talk No: 40 Title: ROAD/STREET WORKS

**Introduction:** Many accidents occur at roadsides every year, most of which could be avoided with the implementation of safe working procedures.

## Main points:

- Suitable warning signs should be displayed and correctly positioned.
- Traffic control must be implemented to meet the site requirements.
- Use a safety zone wherever practicable.

## **Discussion points:**

- Cone off a tapered lead in zone to control traffic.
- Ensure barriers are erected around excavations, and that lighting/warning lights are used at night.
- Ensure a suitable pedestrian route is maintained if necessary re-route.
- Clean any excess mud/debris off the road so far as is practicable.
- Beware of work activities that create dust or debris that may impact on vehicular or pedestrian routes.
- Position plant and equipment so that no part of it infringes on the safety zone, and do not store any materials or equipment in the safety zone.
- Consider and organize site traffic access/egress.
- Wear safety helmets, hi-visibility vests and safety footwear.
- Do not enter the safety zone unless specifically required and authorized to do so.
- In the summer consider protection against the sun.
- Consider precautions for working in excavations, underground services, etc.

## IF YOU THINK SAFETY IS EXPENSIVE OR TIME CONSUMING – TRY THE COSTS OF AN ACCIDENT!

Notes:		