



Road Marking Operatives Safe Working Practices

To comply with the existing legislation, codes of practice and your employer's requirements on health and safety at work:-

1. Take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and other persons who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work.
2. Do not interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare.
3. Take care to see that the public are not exposed to any hazards from work processes (especially the blind and infirm).
4. Use barrier cream before each work session and wash your hands before taking meals. Do not use degreasing agents, such as paraffin or other solvents to wash your hands. This can cause skin infections and cancer.
5. Wear the appropriate items of protective and safety equipment whenever risk assessments require it, in particular:-
 - 5.1. Goggles
 - 5.2. Helmets - when working in hazardous conditions, when workmen are overhead, where there is overhanging debris or where working under anything that could strike from overhead
 - 5.3. Respirators - when working in dusty conditions
 - 5.4. Fluorescent jackets - with reflective strips - when working on or near the highway.
6. All persons at work on a highway must wear high visibility overalls.
7. Roadworks are not to commence until sufficient road warning signs as outlined in Chapter 8 Road Traffic Signs Manual are in position, and, where appropriate footways have been provided for pedestrians. All road warning signs are to be removed at the completion of the work.

Note: It is a criminal offence to leave road warning signs on a road when road works are not being carried out.

8. Position yellow painted warning lights with amber lens around hazards left overnight. Check that oil wells are filled and that lamps are lit before leaving the site.
9. Do not operate mechanically propelled road marking machine unless you are over 18 years of age, hold a current driving licence in the correct category, and have been trained and authorised to do so.
10. Before using a machine ensure that moving parts are securely guarded unless already rendered safe by position or construction. Guards must not be removed during operational use. Under no circumstances must an unauthorised person remove guards at any time.
11. Before using compressors or pressure vessels check for defects in hosepipes. Do not use if defective. Report defects to immediate supervisor. When compressors or pressure vessels are in use do not exceed safe working pressures.
12. Under no circumstances indulge in horseplay with paint guns or pressured airlines (a serious medical condition could arise if paint or compressed air enters the bloodstream).
13. Do not use defective plant or equipment. Report defects to your immediate supervisor.
14. Do not smoke or use naked lights near road marking paint as it is highly inflammable.
15. If an accident occurs, ensure that an Accident Form is completed and details entered on the Accident Form.