

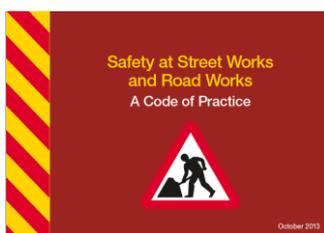
**For issue to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (Employees and Contract Partners)**

# SHE COMMUNICATION

## **Undertaking Street Works and Road Works**

The purpose of this SHE Communication is to remind all of the importance of ensuring that when the work we are undertaking encroaches on footpaths and roads we have in place the correct signing, lighting and guarding to ensure the safety of our employees and members of the public who may be impacted by our works.

The details of how signing, lighting and guarding should be planned, installed and managed on street works and road works are set out within the “Safety at Streetworks and Roadworks Code of Practice”.



[8815 Safety at Streetworks v1 12.indd \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/8815-Safety-at-Streetworks-v1-12.indd)

The document also states that those responsible for undertaking street works or road works must:

- Ensure that before work starts, a site-specific risk assessment has been carried out. If circumstances change at any point during the works – for example if the site needs to expand - the risk assessment should be re-visited, and any permit change requirements logged.
- Before work commences, ensure that the necessary equipment has been installed and the site layout is clearly understood.
- Ensure that the works are signed, lit and guarded at all times.
- Ensure that the works remain compliant and safe as works progress or following any change of plan.

There are also specific requirements set out in the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 which relate to competency requirements for teams who are undertaking street works and road works, and also requirements for those responsible for supervising the works. Within each region, we have a number of employees who have received either ‘operative’ or ‘supervisor’ training to make them aware of the requirements of the New Roads and Street Works Act, and the Safety at Streetworks and Roadworks Code of Practice. It is essential that we follow these safety requirements and responsibilities.

Additionally, all work that is undertaken in SSEN must be executed in accordance with our Safe Management of Work Procedure (PR-NET-OCS-001) which requires that, as a minimum, a suitable and sufficient point of work risk assessment is carried out before work can proceed and is updated if there is a change of plan or site conditions.

### **Our Licence:**

At SSEN we are fortunate to be provided with the licence we need to go home safe every day. Our primary objective is to deliver safe outcomes for our people, our customers and the environment and on this we will not compromise.

**At Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks – if it’s not safe, we don’t do it.**

Communication by (✓)	Managers	✓	Notice board	✓	Tool-box talk	✓	Team brief	✓
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