



Safety Alert

Project delivery vehicles stopping in the live carriageway

24 August 2023

Background information

- There have been several incidents where vehicles delivering materials, plant or equipment to National Highways projects have stopped in the live traffic environment of the strategic road network.
- Recent examples include,
 - A 'grab waggon' stopping in a live lane of the M3, adjacent to a recovery vehicle, to ask for directions into the work area.
 - Two large goods vehicles stopping, then reversing up the live carriageway of the A3 having missed their turning
- Stopping in the live carriageway in this manner presents a significant risk to the safety of road workers and road users.
- Established good practice includes,
 - Having management plans in place that clearly identify points of safe entry and exit to projects/schemes
 - Effectively and clearly communicating those plans to those organisations that will be making deliveries to those projects/schemes
 - For projects/schemes to monitor and assure that the delivery management plans are being properly applied and are effective



Actions

Principal Contractors appointed by National Highways need to record the following information for each of their projects/schemes on HART by **22 September 2023**:

1. The job role responsible for developing and implementing the delivery/logistics management plans
2. How those plans are communicated to delivery organisations prior to arriving at the project/scheme.
3. The instructions for delivery drivers, including identifying entries and exits, what to do if those are obstructed, or the driver is lost or confused.
4. The sustained monitoring arrangements which are in place to ensure the management arrangements are applied

Please refer to HART User Guide: [Recording a safety alert action](#)