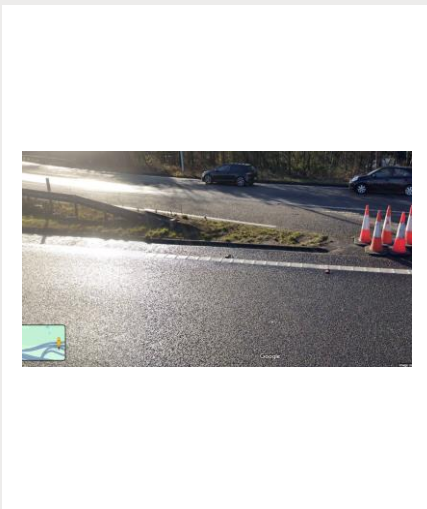


# STOPThink! HiPO Crossing into Live Traffic Lane.



Cones segregating carriageways



Cones removed to access live traffic.

## What Happened?

Recently we have seen several sub-contractor vehicles on the M25 stuck in traffic. They reversed on the slip road by crossing into the adjacent slip road and entered a live lane having followed members of the public. The incident location was not within the works area and therefore their action is considered a serious breach of the Road Traffic Act and exempt from the reporting requirements of RIDDOR, even though it was dangerous and showed very poor judgement by the individuals concerned.

## What we know

- A potentially more serious outcome could have occurred if the vehicles had come into contact with other road users.
- The drivers were told not to reverse down the slip road and access the live lane by OI and CPS supervision.
- MOP's moved the cones segregating the carriageways and entered the live lane. The sub-contractors followed the MOP's vehicles.
- The cones separating the two slip roads are unsuitable for this purpose as they can be easily moved by anyone.
- OI & CPS supervisors remained in place and reported the incident.

## Actions taken

- Safety Stand down initiated and completed by Octavius
- Immediate investigation commenced.
- Individuals involved have been removed from working on CP framework as a result of the fair and just culture assessment.
- A panel of senior representatives from OI and CPS convened to review the incident and discuss further actions to be taken.
- OI have completed a watchman report detailing our concerns in the use of cones to segregate two carriageways to the controlling authority.
- OI are to update their on boarding induction. A slide will be included within the presentation pack explaining that 'you are at work' from the point of receiving the pre-shift briefing to the point you leave the shift, further explaining the responsibilities this brings of due care and attention whilst in transit between work locations.

## What you must do.

- Do not enter live lane traffic without authorisation and correct traffic management.
- Comply with instruction from Supervisors/Site management.
- Comply with the Road Traffic Act regulations.
- Ensure that the SSOW is followed.
- Ensure that the STOPThink! Fundamentals are all in place prior to any work commencing.
- If in any doubt whatsoever about what action to take stop and challenge and consult your Line Manager or Safety Advisor.

