

Campaign launch special edition

Hub announces launch of top risk champions and campaigns

This month's briefing is going to concentrate on our new approach.

The hub team is refreshing its approach to preventing harm from injury and ill health. In 2014 the team concentrated on improved engagement with the construction and maintenance community through the review and revision of the raising the bar guidance which defines minimum requirements for working following industry best practice.

This year the hub team aims to further improve engagement and focus on the elimination or control of the fatal risks that our people are exposed to.

Highways England alerts:

[HA143 Bridge strike](#)

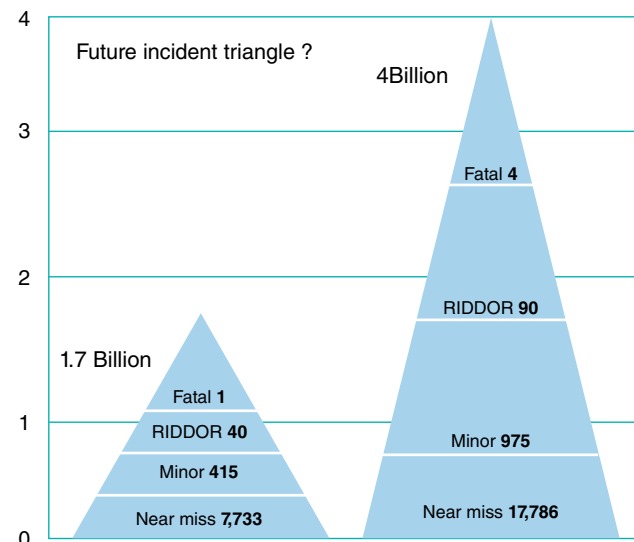
[HA144 Crash cushions](#)

[HA145 Survey drilling serious injury](#)

Previous safety alerts can be found here
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-agency-safety-alerts>

There are currently around 9000 people working on our network daily who are exposed to fatal risks while carrying out their jobs in construction and maintenance. We have to improve our health and safety performance if we are to avoid seeing a significant increase in workers killed or seriously harmed as our investment programme grows.

The top risks have been identified and to address them the hub have appointed 'champions' who will focus on how best to eliminate or control exposure. The champions will consist of both delivery and Highways England partners working together.



Month	Focus area	Champions
May-15	Services	Jon Wilkinson, Julie Clay, Liz Brathwaite
Jun-15		
Jul-15		
Aug-15	Occupational health and wellbeing	Ian Nixon, Ed Noonan
Sep-15		
Oct-15		
Nov-15	Plant and road vehicle	Mark Lowe, Matthew Barry, Dave Roffe, Nick Balsdon
Dec-15		
Jan-16		
Feb-16	Overhead hazards	Terry Meadows, Neil Tyson
Mar-16		
Apr-16		

We are planning a number of campaigns to focus on these fatal risks. We have launched a microsite <http://highwayssafetyhub.weebly.com/index.html> which will host guidance, posters, presentations, videos and other resources which can be utilised at sites and offices. There will also be appropriate events at strategic locations.

For each risk a champion has been nominated, they will be the focal point to help address issues and produce campaign materials.

Services campaign



Our first campaign aims to raise awareness of the risks associated with working near underground services. We expect all our partners to engage in a services avoidance **Going underground?** campaign commencing with a safety briefing during week commencing 11 May 2015. The session will include a film covering real life events and is aimed at all direct employees and delivery partners

Why?

The focus on this risk is because there have been a number of fatalities on UK construction sites and we have had repeated service strikes on our own project sites:

- **113 service strikes have been recorded on the Highways England network over the last 18 months.**
- **49 of these strikes were due to poor planning or failure to follow procedures.**

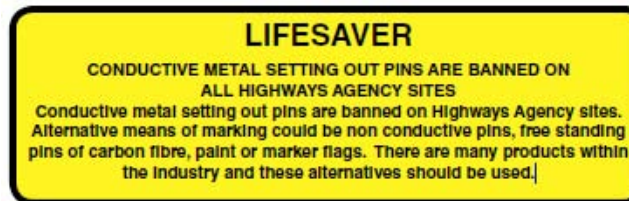
It is important that we plan our work and have procedures in place to prevent service strikes. This campaign encourages us to stop and look at what we do, and how we do it. Most importantly we need to speak to those who do the work. They will have valuable ideas which will make the working around services safer.

The campaign

The campaign will span 3 months, the first month we will concentrate on planning work activities. The second month will be looking at control measures and best practice across the industry. The final month will review lessons learnt and how we embed in to working methods.

The campaign will complement the existing raising the bar guidance;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-for-major-road-schemes-service-avoidance>



Each month a new set of resources will be available on the microsite, please start by downloading the campaign guide <http://highwayssafetyhub.weebly.com/index.html> which details what is available and how it can be used.

Should you have feedback or anything you would like to share then please contact our champions John Wilkinson or Julie Clay John.Wilkinson@skanska.co.uk julie.clay@skanska.co.uk

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