

Colleagues,

Please find below the **monthly Incursion Bulletin** from the **National Highways Incursions Working Group**, highlighting key activity, risks, and actions across the network.

◆ **Headline Summary**

- **189 incursions recorded this month ▲ 69 (+49%) vs last month**
- Increase driven primarily by **low risk incursions, including follow in and driver confused**
- Continued focus required on the **strategy to mitigate; access control, increase visibility, reinforce advance warning information and capture learning from recurring violations.**

⚠️ **Key Risks Identified**

- Data repeatedly identified occasions where operatives were exposed creating a **risk of injury or fatality** to workforce
- **Unintentional incursions** that place both workers and the public inside live work zones
- **Closure protection** becomes ineffective when a second **vehicle enters** behind an authorised movement
- Gaps in **site access control and supervision – particularly entry/exit locations**
- **Highly vulnerable road users** (pedestrians, cyclists and e-bikes) are exposed to **live traffic, works vehicles** and **construction** activities

📊 **Trends**

- **East region:** 9% incursion rate
- **North West:** 6% incursion rate
- **SE Region:** 5% Incursion rate
- 4% of **all closures** experienced an incursion

🔥 **Incident Learning (Key Message)**

- **Follow in behaviour** remains a significant risk – additional controls should be considered
- Driver understanding of Temporary Traffic Management remains poor – **layouts should be reviewed from a road user perspective**
- Greater emphasis should be placed on **advance warning information**
- **Closure Integrity** requires continuous monitoring – **inspection and dynamic reassessment** are essential throughout the shift
- Early intervention, strong situational awareness and effective reporting continue

✅ **Required Actions**

All teams are asked to:

- Strengthen measures at **works access points** and **closure entry** locations – to include the detection of unauthorised pedestrian access
- Include additional **signage** (inc. AWS), **physical or operational controls**, and **workforce briefings** focused **on vehicle-following behaviour**
- **Capture and review recurring driver confused events to identify common themes**
- Consider targeted engagement and **communication** with **local stakeholders and emergency services**
- Reinforce and strengthen **site access procedures and workforce awareness** – to include approved delivery routes and site access requirements with **suppliers and subcontractors**
- Share **lessons learned** across the regional groups
- Reinforce **workforce reporting** of near misses, abuse and all incursions within **24 hours** via the appropriate system enabling ongoing learning

👍 **Good Practice**

Examples this month include:

- Improved use of **digital technology**
- Strong **on-site leadership challenging unsafe behaviours**
- Several reports identified incursion warning systems **successfully alerting teams** to incursions

🚧 **Safety Message**

"The majority of August's incursions involved drivers entering closures when they shouldn't have. Never assume a closure will remain secure. Stay vigilant, protect access points and always be prepared for the unexpected."

📅 **Looking Ahead**

- Consider **targeted reviews** of locations experiencing **repeated** incursions
- Continued deployment and optimisation of **technology**
- Continued emphasis on **sharing and learning across all regions**

🧑 **Get Involved**

- Report incidents and near misses promptly
- Share learning and good practice with the Working Group
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