

WORKSITE SAFETY - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMITS



This Alert has been generated to ensure that all work undertaken on roads (whether on the roadway, shoulder or roadside) in Victoria meet the requirements detailed in the Code of Practice for Worksite Safety - Traffic Management for the provision of permits and associated municipal authorisations.

A written authorisation as required under the Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009 is provided through the submission of an application to VicRoads or the relevant municipal Council

An application for a written authorisation should include the traffic management plan (including any relevant traffic guidance scheme) for the subject works, setting out the details for the proposed use of those traffic control devices for which authorisation is sought.

A works manager for utility or provider of public transport works is empowered under the Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009 to erect, display, place, remove or alter the following traffic control devices, provided it is for the purposes of authorised works:

(a) works advisory devices – any device that provides warning or advice to drivers or

pedestrians in relation to the works, but not regulatory signs. This includes –

- (i) warning signs with a yellow background;
- (ii) warning signs with a fluorescent red-orange background;
- (iii) road humps; and
- (iv) cones and bollards.

(b) hand held Stop signs.

(c) work zone parking signs.

(d) temporary works speed limit signs (as defined in the Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009) displaying a speed limit of 40 km/h or more. All other traffic control devices require authorisation from VicRoads before being used on worksites by utilities or providers of public transport. This includes temporary works speed limit signs for speeds less than 40 km/h and traffic signals.

Note: 7 – 'Utility' includes water, electricity, gas and telecommunications.

Note: 8 – 'Authorised works' are works that have the consent of the coordinating road authority under clause 16(5) of Schedule 7 to the Road Management Act 2004, or are exempt from that consent under section 63(2) of that Act.