

Section 6: Safe Systems of Work

This document is new, to reflect legal requirement in Safety Health and Welfare at Work 2005 Act:

Employers are primarily responsible for creating and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace. The appropriate legislation relating to this; The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work 2005 Act, Chapter 1 General Duties of Employer, Section 8(e) *providing systems of work that are planned, organised, performed, maintained and revised as appropriate so as to be, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risk to health;*

The seven safe systems of work identified are;

1. Safe system of Work for Drainage
2. Safe System of Work for Minor Civils
3. Safe System of Work for Pavement Repair Works
4. Safe System of Work for Road Restoration Works
5. Safe System of Work for Surface Dressing
6. Safe System of Work for Surveying and Setting Out
7. Safe System of Work for Winter Service

It should be noted that the Systems of Work documents are prepared on the basis of activities normally undertaken by the Council, and in the preparation of same reference was made to the recently drafted National Policy and Procedure documents developed by APWG (Audit Project Working Group) where relevant and appropriate. This is a non exhaustive list of the of the Safe Systems of Work developed so far and as further Safe Systems of Work are identified and developed they will be added to this section of the folder. Such additions will be coordinated by the Health & Safety Officer for the Directorate.

Each SEE who is responsible for the coordination of the Safety Management System in their area/section must assign the responsibilities in the relevant section of the Safe System of Work document to appropriate employees. This means that this section of the folder will be unique to that particular area/section. At Director of Service and Senior Engineer level this section of the folder will therefore be of necessity generic in nature.