

# Life Saving Commitments

# Public Protection



**Zero** incidents  
**Zero** harm  
**Zero** compromise

Keeping you **healthy** and **safe**, every day **at work**.



Thames Water and its Partners carry out thousands of activities each year; construction, streetworks, tankering and deliveries. Hazards associated with these activities can cause risks to colleagues and customers. In the UK every year, children and other members of the public are still injured or killed by work activities that are not adequately controlled.

## Key issues are:

- Competence
- Unauthorised Access
- Situational Awareness



Thames Water have several Standards that have been assist in developing your Safe Systems, or Work Risk Assessments and planning work activities. They can be found on the Health & Safety Hub in the Key documents section - <http://www.healthandsafetyhub.co.uk/index.html>

In Particular, for Public Protection please refer to:

## Essential Standards:

No.1 – Excavations

No.15 – Protecting the Public during Temporary Work Activities

No.16 – Streetworks

No.20 – Management of Temporary Works

No. 21 – Large Commercial Vehicles on Public Highways and Construction Sites

NRSWA – Safety at Streetworks and Road works ACOP

Thames Water Visual Standards

Streetwork signage guidelines



We can ALL help to create a safe environment to protect the public

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Planning your site safely and monitoring activities and the environment are key to being in control and protecting those around us. Have you considered the following on your site?

## Key Controls:

- ✓ Plan site setup with the safety of the public. Ensure that any areas where there is legitimate public access are kept safe.
- ✓ Will the public approaching the site understand exactly what is happening and what is expected of them whether they were a wheelchair or pushchair user, bus driver, cyclist, etc.
- ✓ Plant, machinery and equipment: Immobilise and secure the keys of any plant, machinery or equipment on site
- ✓ Take reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised access to the site . Check site fencing to ensure it is safe, secure and undamaged at the start and end of day.
- ✓ Remove access ladders from excavations , scaffolds and lock Access platform Gates.
- ✓ Properly control authorised access to the site. Ensure good management of visitors. This is the responsibility of everyone working on site
- ✓ Store materials and equipment within a secure area which is barriered off and away from the fence line.
- ✓ Use covers and barriers to prevent people from falling into excavations and manholes
- ✓ On attending the site and before any work take place always be aware of your the situation. anyone or anything around you is a risk to your or others health and safety. Completing the 3 and 10 checks can help you to perceive hazards.
- ✓ Lock away Hazardous Substances in a secure and lockable place.



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**Competence:** Ensure everyone is trained and have the correct skills to carry out your role

**Unauthorised Access:** Children might find work areas to be exciting places to play. They must be kept out of the site and away from danger.

**Situational Awareness:** Being aware of what is happening around you. This includes where you are, where you're supposed to be, and whether anyone or anything around you is a risk to your and others health and safety.



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It is everyone's responsibility to protect the public  
When working in and around the public, remember Zero compromise rules