

Highway licence

Conditions for siting a builders' skip on the highway

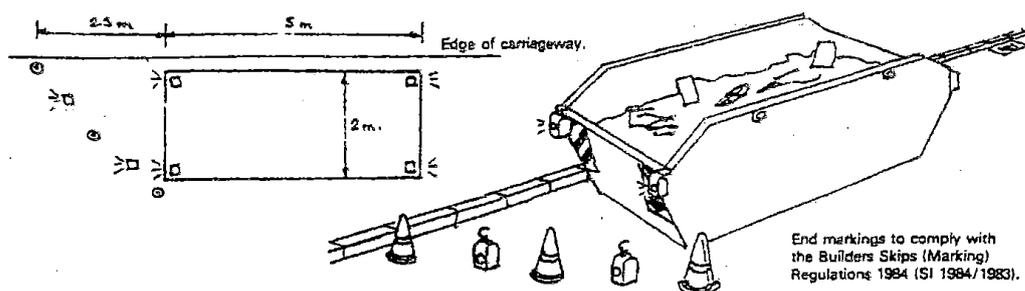
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTIONS 138 & 140

The skip owner must:

1. Give the hirer a copy of these conditions.
2. Give the hirer all equipment necessary to meet these conditions.
3. Comply with the Control of Pollution Act 1974.
4. Prevent the escape of contents and/or dust while loading and travelling.
5. Fully reimburse the Council for any damage to the highway caused by the skip or placing or removing said skip.
6. Fully indemnify the Council against all claims related to the use of the skips, and shall maintain a third-party insurance policy providing at least £10,000,000 cover for any claim(s) arising out of one incident. This policy shall be produced to the Council when so required.
7. All new applications are subject to an administration fee. All fees are listed on our website.

The hirer must:

1. Guard the skip at all times with three traffic cones placed in an oblique line (see diagram below).



2. Place, light, and maintain lamps of one candle power minimum at each corner, attached to the skip, and between each cone, from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise.
3. See the highway is left clean, tidy, and free from debris.
4. Observe all other conditions.
5. If the Council are called at any time to remedy points 1 and/or 2, the full cost shall be recovered from the owner or hirer.
6. Where two or more skips are placed, provided they are less than two metres apart, they should be treated as one site. Each skip shall carry lamps at night.

7. Even when permission is given, the Highway Authority and the Police can order the repositioning of a skip; the owner shall fully reimburse the costs of such repositioning (Section 140, Highways Act 1980).

Each skip must:

1. Have yellow painted ends.
2. Have each end marked with two fluorescent red/yellow stripes (Reg.S.1.1984/1933).
3. Be clearly marked with the owners' name and address or telephone number.
4. Not exceed five metres long by two metres wide.
5. Items 1, 2 and 3 must always be kept clean and visible to traffic.

The skip shall be loaded so that:

1. The contents will not fall on the highway, at rest or in transit.
2. Dust will not escape while loading or travelling.
3. No inflammable, explosive, noxious, dangerous material, or anything which is, or becomes a nuisance, is loaded.

Conditions to be observed by both the owner and hirer:

A skip shall **NOT** be placed:

1. Within 15 metres of any road junction.
2. In any bus lane during its periods of operation.
3. During the hours of darkness - unless specially authorised.
4. Where parking restrictions or traffic measures are in force - unless specially authorised.
5. In major shopping areas and their access roads, e.g., at Christmas, Sales, etc.
6. Near public meeting places, e.g., churches, schools, football grounds, etc.
7. Where it blocks the gutter or gully or any manhole cover.