

General Guidelines for banners and signs on the Highway

Event organisers are requested to get in touch with the Department of Infrastructure Highways Division and obtain permission before they erect signs on highway land or attach signs to road signs, poles or other street furniture. This will allow us to be aware of what is happening on the highway network and to advise organisers of our general guidelines in terms of the type of signs and about where and when signs can be erected. Through the application process we are made aware who is responsible and who should be contacted if there are any problems. If signs are erected without our prior consent it is likely that they will be removed.

The Department does not permit signs for commercial events or organisations but will be as accommodating as possible for sporting events, charity events or filming work etc. The Department will try to be as helpful and sympathetic as we can but we must also consider very carefully the implications on highway safety.

In general we will give permission for small signs and direction information to be erected but great care needs to be taken in recording where and how they are placed. They must not block visibility or cause unnecessary distraction.

The Department cannot legally allow them to be attached to Regulatory signs (such as Traffic signals; Stop signs; Give Way; One Way; No Entry; Speed Limit etc).

We would also wish to ensure that they are put up safely as we would not want accidents to occur as a result of inappropriately parked vehicles or people being in the road without proper safety precautions being taken. For this reason we ask for specific details of the signs and their proposed locations.

Signs should only be in place for the minimum time necessary, being put up immediately before the event and taken down straight afterwards.

Should you require any further information in this regard, please contact Highways Customer Services on 686665.