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Construction Industry Council Publishes
Safety Alert No. 003/15 Traffic Safety on Construction Sites

Hong Kong • 31 December 2015 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled *Safety Alert No. 003/15 Traffic Safety on Construction Sites* (Safety Alert). This Safety Alert aims to encouraging stakeholders to develop a comprehensive construction site traffic management plan to promote safety.

To encourage construction industry stakeholders to proactively reduce risks associated with construction site traffic, the Informal Task Force on Site Safety Incidents (Informal Task Force), under the CIC’s Committee on Construction Safety (Com-CSY) has prepared this Safety Alert.

A good site vehicle entrance design, clear segregation between pedestrian and vehicular passages, fencing off vehicle path, providing non-slippery design, and employing traffic control personnel are some of the main suggestions in the safety alert. Measures promoting traffic safety on construction sites also improve project efficiency and expediency.

“A proper construction site traffic management plan is essential to reduce associated risk and enhance safety,” Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSY of the CIC said.

“It is important for all parties on construction sites to follow the safety measures recommended in the Safety Alert to prevent accidents from happening.” Mr. Victor KWONG, Chairman of the Informal Task Force said.

The Safety Alert is available for download on the CIC’s website www.hkcic.org.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 2007 under the *Construction Industry Council Ordinance* (Cap. 587). The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

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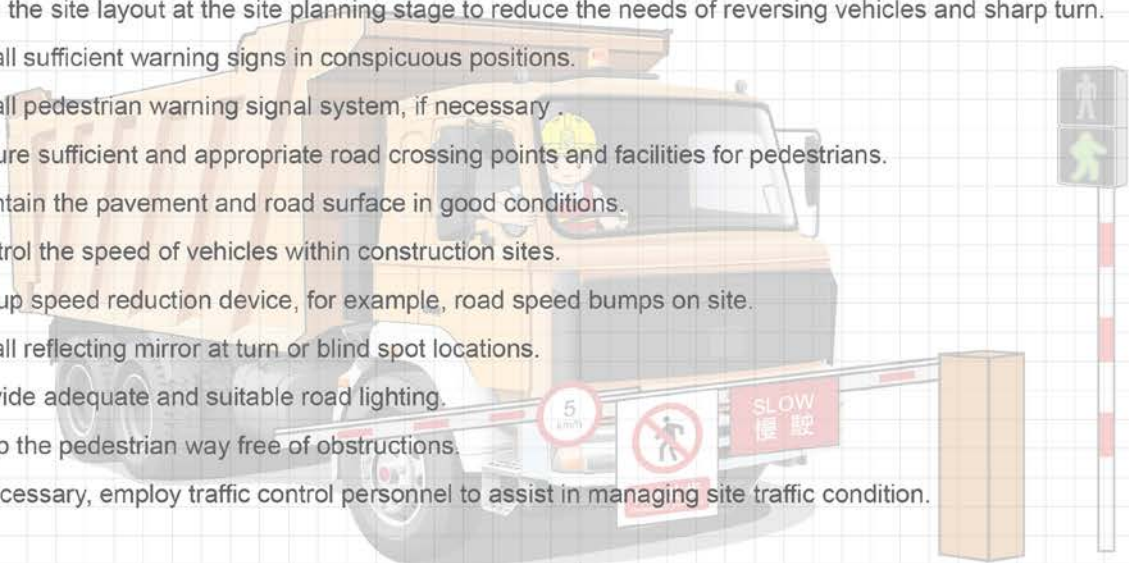
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If no proper traffic management plans is formulated on site, it may lead to traffic accidents resulting in serious injuries or even fatalities. Therefore, persons responsible for construction sites, drivers and pedestrians should adopt / pay attention to the following safety measures to prevent accidents from happening:

Persons responsible for construction sites should:

- Develop a comprehensive construction site traffic management plan, including devising safe entrances and exits, traffic routing, etc to reduce associated risk.
- Set up gate or other facilities at the entrance of vehicles to reduce the speed of vehicles and to prevent the entry of unauthorized vehicles.
- Set up proper segregation between pedestrian and vehicular passages and material dumping zone.
- Plan the site layout at the site planning stage to reduce the needs of reversing vehicles and sharp turn.
- Install sufficient warning signs in conspicuous positions.
- Install pedestrian warning signal system, if necessary.
- Ensure sufficient and appropriate road crossing points and facilities for pedestrians.
- Maintain the pavement and road surface in good conditions.
- Control the speed of vehicles within construction sites.
- Set up speed reduction device, for example, road speed bumps on site.
- Install reflecting mirror at turn or blind spot locations.
- Provide adequate and suitable road lighting.
- Keep the pedestrian way free of obstructions.
- If necessary, employ traffic control personnel to assist in managing site traffic condition.



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Drivers should:

- Drive in prescribed path and follow traffic signals.
- Strictly follow the site traffic safety instructions, including speed limits and safety operation.
- Allow pedestrian to use the pathway first. Do not park vehicles in unauthorized area.
- Check vehicles every day before work. Report all the malfunctions.
- Reduce vehicle speed and pay particular attention during turning.
- When reversing a vehicle, if the sight is blocked, arrange traffic control personnel to control the traffic condition to avoid crashing pedestrian, other vehicles or the objects.
- Do not drive if not feeling well, such as lack of vision and concentration.

Pedestrian should:

- Co-operate with the persons responsible for construction sites. Use pedestrian passages and facilities. Pay attention to vehicles in construction sites. Avoid getting close to vehicles and entrance gate.
- Strictly follow site traffic safety instructions.



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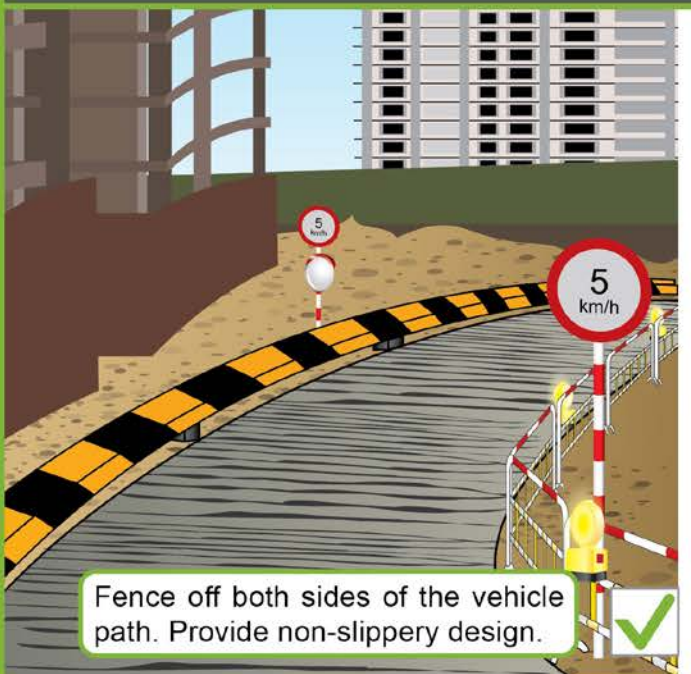
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Site vehicle entrance design.



Clear segregation between pedestrian and vehicular passages.



Fence off both sides of the vehicle path. Provide non-slippery design.



Traffic control personnel.



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