

MS8 Hedge cutting

A BASIC EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



(TM) Traffic Management



Ensure that sufficient TM signs and equipment are carried appropriate to the task and site.

BASIC TOOLS & PLANT/EQUIPMENT



The above is a guide. It is the Road Warden's responsibility to ensure that the PPE, TM and tools and equipment are suitable and sufficient for the job.

B Method Statement

1. Advise Neighbourhood Highway Officer (NHO) and carry out risk assessment.
2. Set up appropriate traffic management. Refer to the TM flowchart and install the appropriate Traffic Management in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual/ Safety at Streetworks and Road Works Red Book.
3. Obtain the landowners/occupiers permission to carry out any cutting of hedges and vegetation which are adjacent to the public highway.
4. Where practical, trim hedges and vegetation to a distance at least 450mm (18") from the edge of the road or greater to achieve the required visibility.
5. Ensure the proper removal of all parings from the hedge itself and any other trimmed vegetation debris from within the limits of the public highway, including the verge.

Important information

- Where road safety is not jeopardised the trimming of roadside hedges should preferably take place between the months of December and February, to ensure that berries and nuts are available for feeding birds and other wildlife.
- Trimming should not take place during the main bird breeding season between March and July unless excess growth is causing safety concerns by obscuring lines of sight at junctions, forward visibility of signs or obstructing roads, cycleways or footways.

