

# Access around House Building Sites



**It is important when you are building your house that you take care not to damage roads, kerbs, footpaths, street trees, swales and berms.**

The Council will be monitoring building sites in subdivisions to make sure that builders have the correct arrangements in place to help avoid damage and to ensure public safety.

In particular:

- Vehicles accessing the site should only use an approved vehicle crossing
- Vehicles should not park on the footpath or berm
- Take care unloading plant and materials to protect the road surface
- You must ensure no litter encroaches into a public place (road/berm/footpath). Litter includes such items as earth, dirt or stones. An infringement notice up to \$400.00 may be issued to any person or company found in breach of the Litter Act 1979.

If you need to block footpaths for any reason such as pouring foundations or unloading materials you need to provide alternative access for pedestrians.

You need to do this to fulfil the requirements of the Health and Safety in Work Act 2015, and the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM). As site owner you or your builder are responsible for the health and safety of workers and the general public.

Vehicles are not allowed to be parked on footpaths, berms or swales. The Council will issue parking infringement notices if required.

Thank you for helping to keep our roads and footpaths safe for everyone, and doing what you can to reduce costly damage to new roads, footpaths and berms.

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