

# **Guidance from Doncaster Council (Highways)**

Please help us keep the roads safe by cleaning mud from your vehicles before they are taken on to the road.



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In producing this document, Doncaster Council references the following materials and requires the reader to familiarise themselves with such documents: Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, Highways Act 1980, Road Traffic Act 1988, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Traffic Signs Manual 2009



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# Doncaster Council has a duty of care to ensure that the highway is safe for all highway users. Mud left on the highway can be dangerous and have serious consequences.

### YOU MUST:

- Do everything possible to prevent mud being deposited on the road. This includes cleaning mud from vehicles before they are taken onto the road.
- Comply with all Planning Conditions imposed on the site where applicable.
- Only use signs that are authorised and ensure they are positioned to give maximum visibility and warning to other road users.
- Have adequate control measures within site such as a wheel wash facility.
- Accept that while cleaning of mud off vehicles, tractors and their attachments may be deemed commercially inconvenient, it is not a defence.

#### **DONCASTER COUNCIL HAS:**

- A duty of care to protect the rights of road users.
- The power to clean the road and recover its expenses from the person causing the obstruction/nuisance.
- The right to refuse the use of 'third party' mechanical sweepers on any part of our adopted network. The reason for this is that during inclement weather when grit is applied any use of a thirdparty sweeper will remove this and potentially create a hazard for highway users.

# Find out more at:

# www.doncaster.gov.uk/mud

## Call: 01302 736000 or email: network.management@doncaster.gov.uk



#### What offence am I committing if I deposit mud or other debris on the highway?

Section 148 of The Highways Act states that; "If, without lawful authority or excuse, a person deposits anything whatsoever on a highway to the interruption of any user of the highway he/she is guilty of an offence."