Construction Barriers

Construction works need to be guarded by firmly fenced and properly maintained barricades, extending from the ground to at least one metre height.

The barricades should be constructed in such a way that a white cane, used by a blind or vision impaired person will not normally pass underneath.

The barricades should be strongly colour contrasted in relation to the ground and adequately lit at night.

Busy pedestrian areas often require an elevated standard of barricading.

Signage is important to identify hazards and identify paths of travel.

Use of cones in pedestrian areas are not generally acceptable as they can be easily moved and do not provide clear pedestrian barrier for those with low vision. Large cones (min 750mm high) may be used in restricted circumstances, such as very small installations where works are attended, however they must be spaced closely together.

Signs must not be placed in pedestrian pathway.

Barricades or signs with supports or feet that protrude in to the pedestrian pathway are a trip hazard and therefore not acceptable.

For more information refer to the City of Perth's Guidelines: Construction Barriers in Public Areas. For roadworks or road closure, refer to Main Roads Traffic Management plans at www.mainroads.wa.gov.au