

## Thousands of road workers' lives are being put at risk (RoSPA June 2018)



On average there are nearly 300 incidents a week reported by road workers. Between July 2017 and September 2017 3500 incidents and near misses were reported, of these 150 were serious resulting in road workers and motorists being injured. Incidents ranged from vehicles mounting pavements to lorries driving through coned off areas. Since October 2014 341 incidents of verbal and physical abuse towards road workers were recorded across England.

Highways England are calling for motorists to be patient if they are delayed by roadworks and to respect road workers who are just trying to do their job. There are four key messages for motorists driving through roadworks:

- Respect road workers – slow down and respect speed limits and signs
- Just because road workers are not visible it does not mean that they are not present – especially at night or where works vehicles and equipment can block a motorist's view of the road workers.
- Maintenance and improvements works are planned to proceed with minimal disruption to road users.
- How would you feel if lorries and cars were driving through your place of work?

**Think! Slow Down! Drive Responsibly!**