

# Working To Save Lives



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## RE: Election posters & road traffic signs

Dear CEO

With the local and European elections approaching, I am writing to you to urge you to take action to prevent election posters from being placed in a way that obscures traffic signs, particularly those that relate to the Rules of the Road and road user safety. These would include speed limit, junction, warning, road works signs as well as those giving directions.

Under the Road Traffic Act 1961, Section 95, Subsection 14 *“It is an offence to erect any notice that makes a traffic sign less visible to road users, causes confusion or obstructs the view of the road.”*

Local Authorities have the power under the Traffic Signs Manual issued by the Department of Transport to take appropriate action to deal with any obstructions or confusion caused to the clear visibility of signs.

I would request that any candidate posters which distract road users, obscure vision splays, or road signs in your area in the run up to the elections be removed by council staff under these powers. This is particularly important at traffic junctions and roundabouts.

Road signage, whether positioned by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Local Authorities, the Gardaí or construction and road repair teams, is there to ensure the safety of motorists and all road users.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Moyagh Murdock'.

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Moyagh Murdock  
Chief Executive  
Road Safety Authority