



# Application for licence to deposit a builder's skip on a highway

Highways Act 1980 Section 139 [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 65]

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I, the applicant, hereby apply for a licence under Section 139 of the Highways Act 1980 [and under Section 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984] to deposit a builder's skip at:

Applicant's address (Street Name)	
Location of skip (road/grass verge)	
Size of skip (tons)	
for a period from	

I have read, understand, and will abide by the conditions upon which this permit is granted. (See overleaf).  
I agree to pay St. Helens Council for the current cost of this application.

Signed ..... Date: .....  
(Signature of skip hire company representative)

## Office Use Only:

Approved by .....	Date .....
Local Authority Reference Number .....	Builders Skip

# Highways Act 1980 Section 139

**Please note that:- The skip owner ONLY will be allowed to apply for a licence to deposit a skip on the highway and will be required to comply with the following:**

1. Section 139(4) of the Highways Act 1980 requires the owner of a builder's skip which has been deposited on the highway to ensure that the skip is properly lighted during the hours of darkness, that it is clearly and indelibly marked with the owner's name and with his telephone number or address, that the skip is removed as soon as practicable after it has been filled and that each of the conditions of the highway authority's permission is complied with. Conviction of an offence under the subsection renders the owner liable to a fine.
2. Each skip shall be deposited on the carriageway outside the premises referred to on the licence for the period allowed, and shall be positioned [so that its longer sides are parallel to the edge of the carriageway and as near to the edge of the carriageway as is reasonably practical] so that it does not impede the surface water drainage of the highway nor obstruct access to any manhole or the apparatus of any statutory undertaker of St. Helens Council.
3. Each skip shall not exceed 5 metres in length by 2 metres in width. Where more than one skip is on the highway at any one time, the skips shall be positioned as closely as possible to each other but not so as to obstruct access to any premises unless the consent of the occupier of those premises has been obtained.
4. Each skip shall be suitably protected with traffic cones. There shall be advanced warning signs and cones in place warning motorists and cyclists of the obstruction. The signs and cones shall be positioned in accordance with the Code of Practice 'Safety at Street Works'.
5. The two ends of the skip which are facing traffic shall be painted yellow. There shall be attached, so as to be visible to traffic, strips of material the composition of which complies with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 65, in having broad red fluorescent and yellow reflecting diagonal stripes. The painting and the strip of material shall at all times be kept clean.
6. At night [that is to say, between half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise] a lamp light shall be attached to each corner of the skip and shall also be placed between each cone and the next. Each lamp shall have an aluminium power of not less than 1 candela and shall remain lit throughout the night.
7. No skip shall contain inflammable, explosive, noxious or dangerous material or any material which is likely to putrefy or which otherwise is, or is likely to become, a nuisance to users of the highway.
8. No skip shall be used in such a way that any of its contents fall onto the highway, or that there is an escape of dust from the contents of the skip when standing on the highway.
9. Each skip shall be removed for emptying as soon as practicable and in any case not later than 1 working day after it has been filled.
10. No skip shall remain on the highway pursuant to this permission after the agreed period.
11. All materials placed in each skip shall be properly disposed of and the highway where the skip or skips have been deposited shall be left in a clean and tidy condition on the expiration of this permission.
12. Any damage to the highway caused by the deposition of any skip shall be made good at the owner's expense.
13. Section 140(2) of the Highways Act 1980 empowers the highway authority or a police officer to require the removal or repositioning or to remove or reposition a builder's skip deposited on the highway, even though it was deposited in accordance with the highway authority's permission, to recover from the owner the cost of such removal or repositioning, and to dispose of a skip which is not collected by its owner. Failure to comply with a request to remove or reposition a skip under the section may result in a fine.

## **Special conditions**

1. This approval is conditional upon free access being maintained at all times for the Council's Refuse Collection Service.
2. This approval is conditional upon the skip being positioned no less than 15 metres from a road junction.
3. Skips within Town Centre locations should be lockable or not left over night, picked up at the end of the working day.
4. Skips must not be positioned on the highway overnight between 18:00 hours and 06:00 hours, during the period 29<sup>th</sup> October (starting at 18:00 hours) and 8<sup>th</sup> November (ending 06:00 hours). Reason for condition - high risk period on the lead up to Bonfire Night.