

Section 139 Highways Act 1980
Permit to place a builder's skip on the highway
Terms and Conditions

1. The builder's skip shall not exceed 5 metres in length and 2 metres in width and must comply with the appropriate Construction and Use Regulations.
2. Each skip shall be placed on the highway with its longer side parallel to the carriageway and as near to the edge of the carriageway as possible without obstructing any fire exit, access to property, bus stops, surface water drainage, fire hydrants, gullies, manholes or other apparatus.
3. Skips shall be marked and lit in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (i) each end of the skip shall be painted yellow with suitable marking in accordance with the Builders' Skips (Markings) Regulations 1984;
 - (ii) during the hours of darkness (that is to say the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise) an amber lamp shall be fixed securely to each corner of the skip and the lighting, signing and guarding of the skip shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual or as directed;
 - (iii) warning lamps must be checked daily and kept clean.
 - (iv) the skip shall be clearly marked with the owner's name and address, and with his telephone number.
4. A minimum unobstructed carriageway width of 3.1 metres shall be maintained at all times.
5. When more than one skip is to be placed on the highway at any one time they shall be positioned as close as possible to each other without contravening any of the above conditions.
6. No skip shall contain any inflammable, explosive, noxious, dangerous or other material that is likely to putrefy or is likely to become a nuisance to users of the highway.
7. No skip shall be used in such a way that any of its contents fall onto the highway. Any spillage on the highway shall be removed at once.
8. Each skip shall be removed for emptying as soon as possible and in any case not later than 2 working days after it has been filled.
9. Each skip shall be removed at the expiration of the period for which the permission has been granted and the highway shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
10. Skips provided in the City Centre shall be removed overnight or be of a type fitted with lockable covers.
11. Where rubbish chutes are used to fill a skip, the skip should be completely enclosed at the discharge point to prevent any escape of debris or dust.
12. No skip shall be placed on the footway or verge.
13. Any skip shall be carefully positioned and the permit holder will be liable for any damage to the highway resulting from the deposit and removal of the skip.
14. The skip permit is valid for the period indicated and for not more than twenty eight days. Renewal is not automatic and the appropriate notice period as specified on the application form should be allowed for in making a further application.
15. Evidence of Public Liability Insurance cover is required with a minimum level of £5 million.
16. In accordance with Section 140 of the Highways Act 1980 an officer from the Highway Authority or a constable in uniform may require the skip to be removed or repositioned.