

**PROCEDURE TO ADVERTISE ROAD CLOSURES
REGIONAL AND PRIMARY ROADS**

**Road Act 1993
Roads Regulations 1994 Part8
Temporary Closing of Roads**

1. The Road Authority must give notice of its intention to temporary close a road at least **2 weeks** before the proposed closure in one or more local paper. **Article 12(1)**
2. The Road Authority must also give notice to the local Superintendent of the Garda Siochana whose district the road is situated. **Article 12(1)**
3. Where the Road Authority is of the opinion that the road proposed to be closed is an important through route consideration should also be given to placing a notice in a national paper. **Article 12(1)**
4. The Road Authority should make a special effort to notify people most directly affected by the temporary closure (Church/Radio announcements/Individual notices) **Article 12(1)**
5. **A notice of intention must be given at least 2 weeks before the proposed closure and must:**
 - Specify the road
 - State the period of the closure
 - State the reason why the road is to be closed
 - Give particulars of any alternative routes available, and
 - **Allow for objections** to be made in writing to the road authority within a specific period being **not less than 3 days** from the date of publication of the notice. **Sub-Article (2)**
6. The Road Authority must consider any objections received and not withdrawn. **Sub-Article (3)**
7. The Road Authority must **give notice of its decision at least 7 days before closing the road in the local papers and to the local Superintendent for that area.** **Sub-Article (4)**
8. The notice of decision must:
 - Specify the road
 - State the period of closure
 - State the reason why the road is to be closed
 - Give particulars of any alternative routes available **Sub-Article (5)**
9. If a road has to be closed as a matter of urgency or in the interests of public safety, the local superintendent should be informed. Where the road closure is to last longer than 7 days a notice should be published giving details of the information. **Sub-Article (6)**