

Emergency Excavation Permit

List of Emergency Excavations

A. Meaning of Emergency Excavations

As defined in section 2 of the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (LMPO), “emergency excavation” means an excavation that is made or maintained consequential upon the occurrence of an emergency incident. The “emergency incident” means an incident the occurrence of which reasonably requires an immediate excavation for the purpose of:-

- (a) the prevention of injury of any person;
- (b) the saving of life of any person;
- (c) the prevention of damage to any property; or
- (d) the prevention of unacceptable interruption or disruption to any public transport system or utility services.

B. List of Emergency Excavations

1. Roadworks

- 1.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with landslip in close proximity of existing road, severe uneven road surface, road collapse, road subsidence including settlement of bridge abutment and accidental damage of road surface, which may lead to severe traffic impact, jeopardy of public safety or damage to property.
- 1.2 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with: missing / subsided / broken gully grating; missing / subsided / broken frame or cover of manhole, joint box, draw-pit; damaged bridge expansion joint/ movement joint, pot holes or the like; tree failure; which may pose immediate danger to the public.
- 1.3 Emergency removal or replacement of knocked down / damaged traffic sign, traffic sign post, railing, crash cushion, barrier or other roadside street furniture, which may pose immediate danger to the public.
- 1.4 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with slope or portworks infrastructures when there is evidence that deterioration may pose immediate danger to the nearby roads.

2. Waterworks

- 2.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with burst / leaking main or valve when there is evidence that the leak will soon develop into a burst / network failure of existing water supply system.

- 2.2 Emergency works essential for the resumption of the existing water supply upon the receipt of a failure incident.
- 2.3 Emergency works to locate and rectify water mains, valves, fire hydrants and other accessory fittings which may otherwise lead to jeopardy to public safety, damage to property or severe traffic impact.
- 2.4 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works for missing / subsided / broken pit covers which may otherwise cause injury to public.

3. Drainage Works

- 3.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with blocked / leaking / collapsed manholes, intakes, drains, sewers, channels, culverts or the like, which may pose severe hygienic problem, severe traffic impact, jeopardy to public, or may lead to unacceptable disturbance / disruption to drainage or sewerage systems.

4. Electrical and Mechanical Works

- 4.1 Emergency restoration of street lighting when three or more consecutive street lights are off.
- 4.2 Emergency removal or replacement of knocked down / damaged street lighting pole, street lighting controller, traffic signal post, traffic signal controller, CCTV kiosk, CCTV high mast or the like, which may pose immediate danger to the public.
- 4.3 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with malfunctioned traffic signals or CCTV.
- 4.4 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with leaking underground sea-water cooling mains or associated valves.

5. Electricity Supply Works

- 5.1 Emergency resumption of the existing electricity supply and supply network upon the receipt of a failure incident.
- 5.2 Emergency rescue to electricity installations from flooding, road subsided and landslip which may lead to disruption of electricity supply.
- 5.3 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with the electricity supply network when there is evidence that the electricity supply network is subject to impending network failure of power supply.

- 5.4 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works which are essential to maintain the integrity of the security and control of the electricity supply network.

6. Gas Supply Works

- 6.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with burst or leaking gas main.
- 6.2 Emergency resumption of the existing gas supply upon the receipt of a failure incident.
- 6.3 Emergency works in connection with rectification of existing gas supply system to prevent network failure.
- 6.4 Emergency works to locate and rectify gas pipe, valve and governor and other accessory fittings which may otherwise lead to jeopardy to public safety, damage to property or severe traffic impact.
- 6.5 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works for missing / subsided / broken pit covers which may otherwise cause injury to public.

7. Telecommunication Works

- 7.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works connected with existing telecommunication cable and ducts or cabinet upon the receipt of a failure incident.
- 7.2 Emergency removal or replacement of knocked down / damaged telecommunication pole / kiosk.
- 7.3 Emergency repairs damaged joint box / manhole.

8. Tramway Works

- 8.1 Emergency repairs and necessary associated works of damaged tram track.
- 8.2 Emergency resumption of the tram service upon the receipt of a failure incident.
- 8.3 Emergency removal or replacement of knocked down / damaged tram pole which may pose immediate danger to the public.

9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1 Emergency excavations as requested by the Hong Kong Police Force for crowd management at festivals or for rally, petition or demonstration.
- 9.2 Emergency excavations arising from other emergency incident upon request from other party (to be specified).