

[TE-PS-29] USE OF TRAFFIC WARNING DEVICES UNDER IMPASSABLE ROAD CONDITIONS

The Division of Highways shall close and barricade any State Highway System route that is not passable by motor vehicle due to any obstructions, including water over the road.

- a. A High Water Sign (W14-5) shall be used independently, only when the depth of water over the road is shallow enough to permit the motorist to reduce speed, use caution, and continue to travel.
- b. The following procedures shall be followed when conditions warrant the closing of a road:
 1. A barricade shall be placed across the road, a Road Closed Sign (JR11-2) and other needed signs shall be attached thereto. The barricade shall be placed 250'± from the point of obstruction on Urban System or in urban area, 750'± on Rural Secondary, and 1500'± on Rural Primary and Rural Interstate. Adequate (number, size, location and message) advance warning signs shall be erected preceding the barricade.
 2. A detour shall be established when the impassable condition exists on a Primary or Interstate route. A detour should be provided on Secondary System when the impassable conditions (traffic, duration, etc.) warrant same.
 3. All traffic control devices shall be prepared for both day and night use, i.e., they shall be reflectorized, and should otherwise conform, as near as possible, to the *MUTCD*.

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