

## **Statutory Duty for Road Safety.**

### **Local Authorities**

#### **The 1988 Road Traffic Act, Section 39**

Powers of Secretary of State and local authorities as to giving road safety information and training:-

(1)The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, provide for promoting road safety by disseminating information or advice relating to the use of roads.

(2)Each relevant authority, if it is a local authority, must prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety and may contribute towards the cost of measures for promoting road safety taken by other authorities or bodies.

(3) Each relevant authority -

(a)must carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles on roads or parts of roads, other than trunk roads (*Highway England Roads*), within their area.

(b)must, in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads for which they are responsible and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads, and

(c) in constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use.