

Work Zone Traffic Control Traffic Control Devices Emergency Scene Signing

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Purpose

Under some conditions it may be necessary or desirable to warn motorists of an emergency scene on the highway where emergency services (fire, paramedic, first responders, tow truck operators) are attending to the scene of a collision or emergency incident.

Policy

Pink EMERGENCY SCENE AHEAD signs (MW-155, MW-155 F, MW-155 B) may be erected in advance of an emergency scene to warn motorists of the need to approach with caution.

These signs MUST ONLY be deployed in emergency circumstances for short duration until such time that the incident is cleared from the roadway or until a pre-approved traffic management plan can be established in its place.

The installation of the signs will normally be the responsibility of the emergency services provider who is attending the scene.

Standard

Signs should normally be located 150 m in advance of the emergency scene. On a 4-lane divided roadway where the centre median width permits, a left mount sign should also be erected for vehicles in the passing lane.

Where necessary, due to extreme sight restrictions, approach geometry, or traffic queuing, an advance sign up to 1 km upstream may be erected and must include an appropriate distance tab xx m.

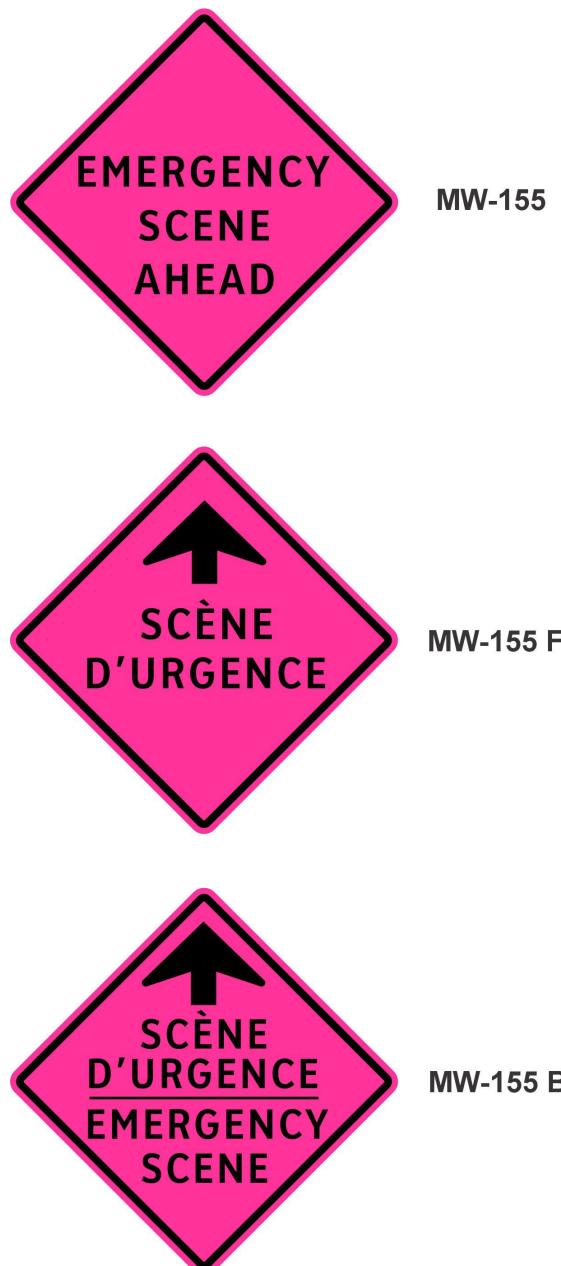
Signs must be placed on an approved portable sign stands (see policy 915-D-3), placed adjacent to the right edge of the road and be a minimum of 0.60 m above the road surface.

Signs must be removed once the emergency vehicles and incident have been cleared from the roadway.

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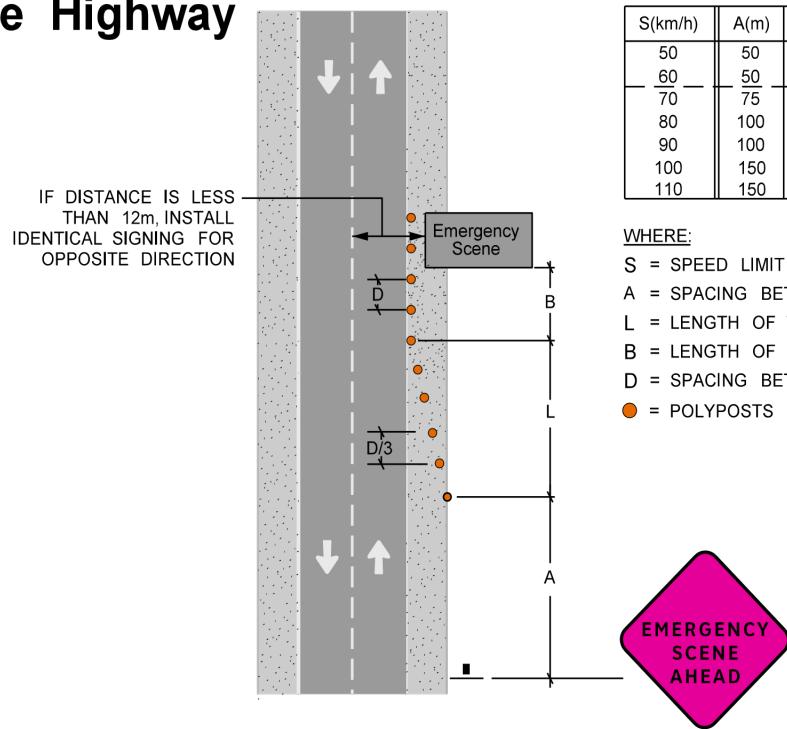
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Bilingual traffic signing areas identified in policy 915-A-3 of this manual shall be signed in both official languages using either the bilingual sign (MW-155 B), or separate English (MW-155) and French (MW-155 F) signs with the French sign erected downstream of the English sign, at approximately 30 m.



900 X 900
Black on Fluorescent Pink

2-Lane Highway



S(km/h)	A(m)	L(m)	B(m)	D(m)
50	50	60	35	15
60	50	90	45	15
70	75	120	50	15
80	100	175	55	15
90	100	200	65	20
100	150	250	70	20
110	150	250	75	20

WHERE:

S = SPEED LIMIT

A = SPACING BETWEEN SIGNS

L = LENGTH OF TAPER

B = LENGTH OF LONGITUDINAL BUFFER SPACE

D = SPACING BETWEEN CHANNELIZATION DEVICES

● = POLYPOSTS

SECONDARY ADVANCE 'EMERGENCY SCENE AHEAD' SIGNS MAY BE REQUIRED WHERE TRAFFIC QUEUES BEYOND THE INITIAL SIGN LOCATION OR WHERE SIGHTLINE CONDITIONS ARE LIMITED. CONTACT THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING BRANCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

4-Lane Highway

