



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND
ROADSIDE TREES, DITCHES, HEDGES & DRAINAGE**

Galway County Council wishes to give notice that under the terms of the Roads Act, 1993, landowners and occupiers of land are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that the trees, ditches, hedges and other vegetation growing on their land are not or could not become a danger to people using or working on a public road.

LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY RESULTING FROM SUCH HAZARDS WILL REST WITH THE LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER.

Examples of hazards might be dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs or obscuring a view of the road ahead.

You are required to fell, cut, log, trim or remove such trees, ditches and hedges.

Hedgecutting operations, as far as possible, should only be undertaken outside the critical nesting period of 1st March to 31st August.

Adequate signposting should be provided and the Council and Gardai notified before works commence.

Landowners/occupiers are also reminded of their duty under the Roads Act, 1993 to facilitate the drainage of water from public roads and also to prevent water, soil or other matter from flowing or falling onto public roads especially at entrances to fields and farmyards.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE OBLIGATIONS IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

Further information outlining the obligations placed on landowners and occupiers under the Roads Act 1993 is available from the Roads & Transportation Unit at the address below or any of the Council's Area Offices.

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