



Signage Maintenance & Repairs

W&Co recognises the importance of regular sign maintenance and repairs to maintain safety, but the need for sign maintenance is actually a **legal requirement**. This document will make you aware of some of the legal obligations and benefits of sign maintenance.

Legal Regulations

The need for sign maintenance and inspection **is a legal requirement** in 3 different statutory regulations, with the potential for criminal proceedings against those not complying:

- 1) **The Health & Safety at Work Act requires:**
"Maintenance of it in a condition that is safe and without risks to health"
- 2) **Building regulations require:**
"The inspection and maintenance of any services, fittings or equipment so provided"
- 3) **Town & Country Planning regulations require;**
"The advertisement (sign) must not endanger any person"
"Any structure or hoarding used must be maintained in a safe condition"

The **sign owner is ultimately responsible** for the ongoing sign maintenance, inspection and necessary repair of their sign (as well as the structure or area that the sign is fixed to).

Benefits of Maintaining your Signage

While also complying with legal regulations, by having an inspection and maintenance programme in place you will help extend the life expectancy of your signage and ensure the safety of your product. Any potential defects in the sign or its fixings will be discovered before they become unsafe or lead to failure in the signs performance. Having invested money in signage to boost your brands image and enhance your business, you will want to ensure that your signs remain visually impressive and structurally safe throughout their lifetime.

Please call us on 08456 25 35 45 and our friendly sales team will be happy to discuss a maintenance and inspection plan with you.

KEY POINTS TO NOTE:

- *Sign owners are not obliged to take out any maintenance contract offered by W&Co.*
- *W&Co are not obliged to provide a maintenance and inspection programme.*
- *It is imperative that the installation of a sign does not go ahead if it is apparent that the structure to which the sign is being fixed to is inadequate to provide a fixing that is compliant with regulations or will lead to failure e.g. where the moisture content of a wooden structure is above 20% which will result in screw type fixings becoming inadequate.*
- *Full Installations Terms are available at <http://www.w-co.co.uk/termsandconditions.php>*