**Safety Concerns regarding Election Posters**

The main safety issues associated with election posters are the following:

* Posters obscuring visibility of traffic - pedestrian signals and traffic signs.
* Posters below head height or resting on the ground which can cause obstructions on footpaths are particularly hazardous to wheelchair users, blind people and those who are visually impaired.
* Protruding cable ties that are at a level that could cause injury to pedestrians including wheelchair users and children.

Where South Dublin County Council staff become aware of posters that are considered to be causing a hazard, they will be removed and disposed.

Please note that our Customer Care Team will handle complaints of any posters that are deemed to be causing a hazard to motorists or pedestrians and they are contactable on telephone number: 414 9000 or email info@sdublincoco.ie

The following guidelines may be helpful in ensuring that posters are not a hazard to the public:

* Posters should be erected at a minimum height of 2.3 metres above footpaths, cycle tracks or any area to which pedestrians have access (**Remember a guide dog or a long cane will not alert a blind person to the danger of an eye-level poster corner!**);
* Posters should not be erected on lamp standards with overhead line electricity feed, traffic signal poles, bridge parapets, overpasses, pedestrian bridges, or roadside traffic barriers;
* Posters should not obscure statutory road signs or traffic / pedestrian signals in any way;
* Posters should be securely fixed to poles with cable ties or similar material to facilitate removal without damage to the poles.

Under regulations, posters should be placed 2.3 metres above foot and cycle paths.

Posters must not be placed on:

* Lampposts with overhead electricity lines
* Traffic lights
* Bridge parapets
* Overpasses
* Pedestrian bridges
* Roadside barriers