No illegal painting of Pedestrian Crossings

The National Works Agency is advising residents not to erect any pedestrian crossings this Labour Day, May 23, without its permission. Pedestrian Crossings must be gazetted and satisfy certain criteria for them to have legal effect.

The Agency has noted that persons often try to establish crossings in their communities, especially as Labour Day Projects. Manager of Communication and Customer Services at the NWA, Stephen Shaw says persons in communities who are desirous of having a pedestrian crossing established should write to the agency.

He explains that a physical inspection of the area is then done. This, to ascertain the feasibility of having the crossing at the point requested. Safety of pedestrians is paramount in establishing a crossing and the agency has to ensure that there is enough sight distance for both the motorists and pedestrians.

Persons wishing to have a Pedestrian Crossing established this Labour Day are advised to contact the Planning and Research Directorate, telephone 511 – 4176 for further information. Also see Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines(hyperlink to guidelines)