



Since last Friday, 23 January, the Council of Formentera's highway maintenance crew – known as *xarxa viària* – has been charged with the task of fitting some 300 fence posts alongside the island's primary thoroughfare with protective casings. The casings serve to safeguard against the dangerous 'guillotine' effect that can potentially occur in the event of roadside accidents, especially those involving motorcycles and scooters.

The majority of the crew's work will involve simple replacement of pre-existing casings that have deteriorated or come off over time. So far, most have been placed along the section of highway approaching La Mola, but their installation is also planned for the Sant Francesc roundabout and segments of road near Es Caló.

The purchase of some 200 protective casings was required to supplement *xarxa viària*'s existing stock, bringing total cost of the action to €4,200. In addition to replacing the protective casings, the highway maintenance crew is also currently switching out any deteriorated road signs as they are found.