


# Forth Bridges reopen after closure for 'controlled explosion'

 [http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2013\\_09\\_04-Forth-Road-Bridge.jpg](http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2013_09_04-Forth-Road-Bridge.jpg) Police Scotland, Amey, the Forth Road Bridge and Traffic Scotland confirmed earlier this afternoon that officers would close the M90 and the Forth Road Bridge in both directions.

The road was closed from 4.45pm and remained closed for almost an hour. All approaches were also closed. The timings were amended due to the current rainy and foggy weather conditions.

This followed the discovery of materials believed to be used in the historical demolition process carried out in the same areas as the current roadworks for the new Queensferry Crossing.

Although there was no immediate danger to the public, a decision was made to dispose of these materials with the assistance of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EOD) and to close the road as a precaution.

Police Scotland later confirmed that the Forth Road Bridge and surrounding roads have now reopened.

A spokesman said: "The EOD has safely carried out their controlled explosion and the public are thanked for their patience during this matter."

The Forth Rail Bridge was also closed temporarily while the controlled explosion took place. Police Scotland worked with British Transport Police and Network Rail to facilitate all of this.

Police advised members of the public who wished to travel on this road to postpone or bring forward their travel plans as the road was expected to be closed for two hours.

Chief Inspector Irene Ralston of Police Scotland said:  
“Exposed wiring was discovered today at the Queensferry Crossing, and while this posed no immediate risk to the public, as a precaution we were compelled to close the Forth Road Bridge and the M90.

“We advised motorists to avoid the area during this time and seek alternative routes and thank the public for their understanding at this time.”