

Traffic Control

Almost every work zone needs traffic control. Workers are at risk of being struck by vehicles or mobile equipment in them. Traffic control often involves the use of a flagman, sign, cones, barrels, and barriers. Flagmen are preferable to signs since they can react immediately to any changes in site situations. Signs are, however, a suitable solution to an extended traffic control problem.

The intent of traffic control procedures is to protect lives, prevent a tie-up in the work zone and to allow the general public to move as efficiently as possible around the work zone.

Guide for Discussion

Is the flagman trained and certified?

Set-Up:

- Pre-plan the entire traffic control operation.
- Have the flagman knowledgeable of all construction operations to occur.
- Clearly mark all changes or detours.
- Enforce all changes and detours.

Flagging Operations:

- Be sure the traffic can see you.
- Wear an orange safety vest.
- Use a flag.
- Wear suitable shoes.
- Be dressed neatly (to reflect a good public image).
- Wear a hard hat.
- Never turn your back on the traffic.
- Always be courteous but firm.

Additional Discussion Notes

Our municipality's Certified Flagman are _____

Attend CIRMA's Work Zone Safety and Flagger Safety Workshops for more in-depth instruction on these topics.

Remember The flagman has a responsibility to protect the general public as well as those at work on the construction site. Pay attention to what is going on around you.

Attendees _____

Questions? Ask your Supervisor or contact your CIRMA Risk Management Consultant.