

TOOLBOX TALKS

The Upside of Safety

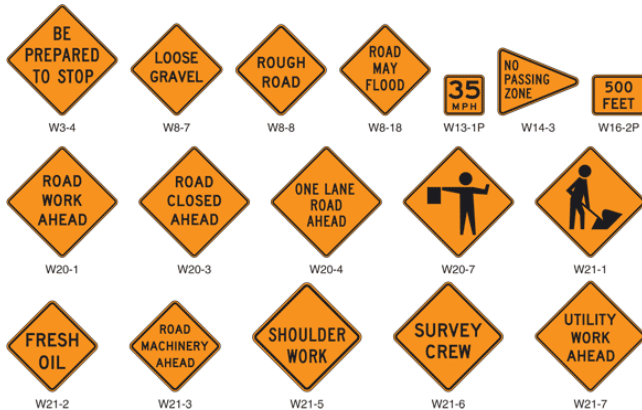


Working in Traffic

Transportation incidents and workers struck by vehicles or mobile equipment account for the highest number of fatal work injuries, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Workers such as emergency responders, clean-up, utility, demolition, construction, and others in areas where there are moving vehicles and traffic are exposed to being struck-by moving vehicles. Work zones are used to move traffic in an approved direction and are typically identified by signs, cones, barrels, and barriers.

BEFORE WORK BEGINS

There must be a traffic control plan for the movement of vehicles in areas where there are also workers conducting other task. The configuration of the temporary traffic control zone for motorists and pedestrians will be determined by the authority in charge, whether is be federal, state, or local.



Signs shall be used when working in traffic to alert motorists and to assist in identifying areas that are being worked on.



Standard traffic control devices, signals, and message boards will instruct drivers to follow a path away from where work is being done. The authority in charge will determine the approved traffic control devices such as cones, barrels, barricades, and delineator.

HOW TO PROTECT WORKERS

Workers can be protected when working in traffic through a system of:

- Signs
- Traffic Control Devices
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Lighting



Hi-Visibility clothing is required to be worn when working in in traffic. The class of clothing that needs to be worn will be determined by the scope of work. Refer to the traffic control plan for the class needed.

Other Safe Practices

Other safe practices to protect workers working in traffic include:

- Safe parking areas
- Working during light travel hours
- Workers being always aware of their surroundings.

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✓ SAFETYCHECK

Have you reviewed the traffic control plan?

Barriers and signs are set up in accordance with the authorities

Is your Personal Protective Equipment adequate for the job?

Workers have a designated area to park away from any hazards

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