

Public roads, part 1

List traffic control needs onsite

Explain dangers

When construction work affects traffic on public roads, there's a risk both to construction workers and to ordinary drivers and passengers. The first priority of a traffic control person is to protect workers and the public from accident and injury.

Identify controls

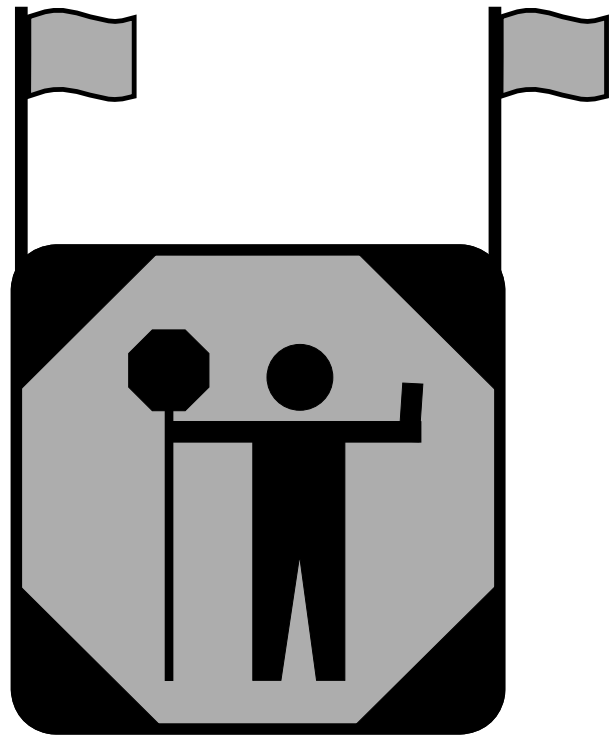
Traffic control persons protect workers and the public by regulating traffic flow. As long as you're working as a traffic control person, you can't do other work or have additional duties. Directing traffic is a full-time job.

Public traffic has priority over construction equipment. But you'll have to stop traffic when the job requires it. Otherwise, keep traffic moving at normal or reduced speed to avoid tie-ups.

With your help, work will go ahead safely and efficiently. I'm going to give you instructions in writing. But let me go over the main points now.

The most important point is simple: Pay attention.

- Don't be distracted by talking to anybody.
- Always face oncoming traffic.
- Stay alert to work nearby. Don't get backed over by your own equipment.
- Stand where you can see and be seen by approaching traffic for at least 150 metres (500 feet).



- Stand alone. Don't let a group gather around you.
- Stand at your post. Sitting is hazardous because you can't fully see or be seen by drivers.
- Always have a quick escape route ready in case a driver doesn't see you or disregards your signals.

A traffic control person must never be used to direct traffic if more than one active lane of traffic is travelling in one direction, or if the posted speed limit is greater than 90 km/hr.

Demonstrate

Give the worker CSAO's *Handbook for Construction Traffic Control Persons* (B016).

Go over the requirements for a typical arrangement for a two-lane roadway on page 10 of the *Handbook*.