



Almost every job at one time or another needs some form of traffic control. This often involves the use of a flagger and/or signs. In short duration situations flaggers are preferable to signs since they can react to multiple changes in site traffic. Signs offer a good longer-term solution to extended traffic control issues.

It should be remembered that the intent of traffic control is to allow for the operation of the construction project while also getting the public to move as efficiently as possible around the construction site. It is important that all flaggers remember that they represent the company and should be always courteous when directing drivers.

Guide for Discussion

Is the flagger trained and certified?

Set-Up Procedures

Pre-plan the entire traffic control operation.

Have the flagger knowledgeable in all construction operations to occur on site.

Clearly mark all changes or detours.

Enforce all changes and detours.

Flagging Operations

Be easily visible to the traffic you are directing.

Wear an orange safety vest.

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.

Remember: The flagger has a responsibility to protect the public as well as those at work on the construction site.

Always pay attention to what is going on around you.