

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

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WORK ZONE SAFETY

In this safety meeting we're going to discuss some of the hazards of work zones and how to prevent them from causing accidents. For our purposes today, a work zone is the section of roadway and its immediate surroundings in which you are or will be performing work. That work could be anything from tearing out the existing road to landscaping after the construction work is complete. We'll focus on the following three items: drivers, preparedness, and signs.

Drivers. Think about the drivers on the road who will be passing through your work zone. They are thinking about their destinations and how long your work is going to delay them. If delays are long, some drivers may become angry; others may start reading, doing work, or making phone calls. The point is that they may be paying less attention to the road and their driving. Working near moving vehicles is dangerous. It's much more dangerous when those vehicles are operated by inattentive or irate drivers. Pay close attention to the traffic around you — make sure you watch out for that car because its driver may not be watching out for you.

Preparedness. Be physically and mentally prepared before you enter a work zone. Being physically prepared means wearing proper clothing and protective equipment, especially some type of warning garment like a reflective vest. You also need to be mentally prepared. You have to stay alert at all times. Make sure that you always know where you are and where the traffic is so that you don't accidentally end up in an active lane. Of course, you must also watch out for construction traffic, equipment, and material. Working safely in a work zone requires a lot of concentration.

Signs. Set up and maintain good signage in your work zone. Signs generally fall into one of three categories: regulatory, guide, and warning. Regulatory signs impose legal restrictions like speed limits and fines. Guide signs commonly show destinations, directions, and distances. Warning signs warn drivers of potentially hazardous conditions or areas. The purpose of all of these signs is to help get the traffic through the work zone as quickly and safely as possible. Make sure that signs are clean and properly positioned so the drivers can see them clearly.

Working near traffic is a dangerous job. Understand the hazards so you know how to avoid them.

SAFETY REMINDER

When you drive through a work zone make sure you pay attention to all signs and flaggers.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____