



SAFETY TALK

Road safety – flaggers

Employers, supervisors, flag persons and crew members can all ensure the safety of flag persons and other road construction workers by complying with Workplace Safety and Health regulations.

Employer responsibilities

Employers are required to take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety, health and welfare of workers.

Employers must

- Ensure flag persons are certified by a recognized organization
- Ensure flag persons wear and use all required personal protective equipment (PPE), including employer-provided:
 - ✓ CSA Class 3 Level 2, high-visibility apparel in fluorescent yellow-green
 - ✓ Protective headwear in a fluorescent colour (equipped with retro-reflective tape during hours of darkness)
 - ✓ A STOP/SLOW paddle with reflective surfaces
 - ✓ CSA-approved footwear
- Ensure all workers and supervisors are aware of hazards in the workplace
- Ensure workers and supervisors are trained in, and follow, safe-work procedures and necessary precautions
- Provide an effective means of communication with other flag persons when visibility is obstructed
- Provide a flashlight fitted with a red signaling wand when working during hours of darkness

- Provide workers with competent supervision
- Set up and remove road signage

Worker responsibilities

Workers are required to attend safety and health training, and follow the safety and health rules and safe-work procedures of the workplace. Workers must:

- Care for and properly use required safety equipment, clothing and devices
- Be alert and aware of their surroundings
 - ✓ Use of personal electronic devices, including cell phones and music players, while working is prohibited
- Use an effective means of communicating with other flag persons when visibility is poor or obstructed
- Hold and carry a valid flag person’s training certificate when performing flag person duties

Fluorescent yellow-green “flag person ahead” signs indicate the presence of flag persons at road construction sites. This sign must be turned down or covered when no flag person is on duty.



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Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Concerns:

Corrective Actions:

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:

