

TRAFFIC CONTROL AWARENESS

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The NL OHS Regulations state that traffic control is required where the movement of vehicles creates a hazard to workers. When conducting traffic control operations, the Department of Transportation and Works “Traffic Control Manual” must be followed at a minimum.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AWARENESS TIPS

- >> A traffic control plan must be developed prior to traffic control operations beginning.
- >> An emergency preparedness plan must be developed prior to traffic control operations.
- >> Traffic control persons must have the appropriate training.
- >> Other on-site traffic control hazards must be identified.



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A Traffic Control Plan Must Be Developed Prior to Traffic Control Operations

A traffic control plan must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Location of work
- Traffic control manual diagram to be used
- The work to be undertaken
- The equipment required
- The number of traffic control persons needed
- The applicable regulations and manuals
- Public notifications
- Communication methods
- Emergency response plan

An Emergency Preparedness Plan Must Be Developed Prior to Traffic Control Operations

- Conduct a risk assessment to determine what hazards may require evacuation or rescue.
- Keep safe access and egress in mind when having numerous vehicles and equipment moving on and off site.
- If access points are blocked or congested, this can make an emergency evacuation difficult. Emergency services may need to enter the site and will need to be able to do so safely.
- Ensure there is an escape route identified for all traffic control persons.
- Traffic Control Persons Must Have the Appropriate Training
- Any person performing traffic control operations must have the appropriate WorkplaceNL approved traffic control person training.
- Level 1 Traffic Control Person Certification is required for any individual conducting traffic control operations.
- Level 2 Traffic Control Person Certification may be required for any individuals overseeing the traffic control operations (ie. supervisor).

Other On-Site Traffic Control Hazards Must Be Identified

- High visibility clothing is required at all times (minimum of Class 2, Level 2)
- Housekeeping is to be maintained to avoid slips, trips and falls, and to maintain safe access and egress.
- Signage is in place and obeyed.
- Avoid driving in reverse on sites. If unavoidable, have audible reverse alarms.
- Ensure all vehicles have a walk around inspection done daily to ensure lights, signals and horns work.
- Where traffic is diverted onto dusty road surfaces, good visibility shall be maintained by dust suppression with an approved substance.