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Traffic Hazard - Struck By

Vehicular traffic poses a significant hazard to workers when performing work on, or near roadways. Being struck by or run over by vehicles or mobile construction equipment can result in serious injuries, and fatalities.

Traffic Control

Where the movement of vehicular traffic creates a hazard to workers, traffic control must be provided. Traffic control can include: a) patrol vehicles; b) traffic lights; c) signs; d) barricades; e) cones; f) detours; g) traffic control persons; and h) other techniques and devices necessary according to the particular circumstances.

Traffic Control Plans

A traffic control plan outlines how traffic is to be safely separated from workers at the worksite or work route. The plan typically consists of a diagram showing the road layout and how traffic is to be managed, safely, through the worksite and includes the location of signs, tapers, traffic control persons, emergency response etc. Traffic control plans must, at minimum, meet the requirements outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure's "[Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Work Operations](#)", or procedures established by a municipality that have been approved by the OHS Division of the provincial government.

Traffic Control Persons

Under certain conditions, during construction or maintenance activities on or along a roadway, the use of a traffic control person(s) may be required to safely guide motorists through the work site area. Section 7 of the "Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Work Operations" outlines:

- the general guidelines for traffic control persons;
- specific requirements for:
 - personal protective equipment;
 - signage;
 - number of traffic control persons required; and
 - communication etc.

Training

Persons performing the duties of a traffic control person must hold a current "Traffic Control Person (TCP) Level I" training certificate. Persons responsible for development, implementation and monitoring of traffic control plans should hold a current "TCP Level II" training certificate. TCP Level I and TCP Level II certificates must be issued by a WorkplaceNL approved training provider.

For more information, visit Part XVI of Newfoundland and Labrador Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, the Department of Transportation and Works "Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Work Operations" or drop us a line or give us a call. One of our advisors would be happy to help.
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