

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Flagperson Operations
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with flagging
APPLICATION	As per job requirement
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe job procedure
SELECTION AND USE	As per safe job procedure
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<p>Poor sight lines and lack of visibility are inherent in some equipment used and some construction projects. This is especially true when the equipment is backing up or moving in areas where space is limited and the turning radius is tight.</p> <p>Warning devices, such as back up alarms and/or flashing lights are provided on mobile equipment, but this is not always sufficient to ensure worker protection. This is especially true on projects where there are many pieces of equipment, constant movement, and high noise levels.</p> <p>It is imperative that a flag person be used when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work is being performed in proximity to public roadways where there is the possibility of equipment/material entering the roadway - equipment /trucks being backed up, if there are blind spots that the operator cannot see - the public may be at risk of contact with equipment <p>The responsibilities of the flag person include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understanding his/her duties as detailed in flag person training - not standing in a traffic lane in use - wearing of all PPE at all times - using a hand held traffic sign to stop traffic. The sign will indicate STOP on one side and SLOW on the other side - Never having his/her back towards oncoming traffic/equipment - Keeping to the task at hand – never performing any other tasks/activities while acting as a flag person - Performing a hazard assessment of the traffic area, including any overhead hazards - Identifying his/herself to the operator of equipment/trucks and advising the operator if he/she loses sight of the flag person at any time, that they do not continue backing up/ moving the equipment/truck until sight of and communication with the flag person is reestablished
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