

Traffic Control Safety Infographic

Flagman and Traffic Control



The two primary functions of flagmen are to move vehicles safely, and as quickly as possible, through, or around temporary traffic zones, and to protect workers and on-site equipment

To Stop Traffic

Using Paddles

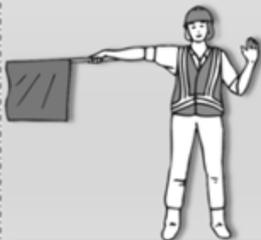
Make sure the paddle sign is held straight up—not leaning to the right or to the left. Do not wave your STOP/SLOW paddle.



Face traffic and extend the STOP sign paddle in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. The free arm should be raised with the palm toward approaching traffic.

Using Hand Signals

Make sure that the flag is fully extended, and not rolled up or crumpled.



Stand in a safe position either on the shoulder of the road or in a closed or barricaded lane. Face traffic and hold the flag out, about shoulder level so that it hangs into the edge of the traffic lane.

To Release Traffic

Using Paddles

When it is safe to let traffic proceed, you should move on the right of traffic and stand directly facing the traffic flow



The flagger shall face traffic with the SLOW sign paddle held in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. Motion with the free hand indicating that traffic should proceed.

Using Hand Signals

When it is safe to let traffic proceed, you should move back over to the right side of the lane of traffic



Stand Parallel to the traffic. Facing the passenger's door on a car. Once on the shoulder of the road, put the flag down to your side, out of sight. Then motion Traffic to proceed with your free arms. Use SLOW deliberate movements of your arm

To Slow Traffic

Using Paddles

Be sure that the "SLOW" portion of the paddle is facing traffic.



Face traffic with the SLOW sign paddle held in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. Motion up and down with the free hand, palm down, indicating that the vehicle should slow down.

Using Hand Signals

Do not madly wave or swing the flag. Make sure your movements are slow and sure.



Stand on the shoulder or a barricaded lane facing traffic. Hold the flag in a horizontal position, about shoulder level, just as you did to stop traffic. Then, slowly wave the flag in a sweeping motion, without raising your arm above the shoulder.

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