



Landscape Median Work Safety

Employees in the landscape industry are exposed to a variety of job hazards, including working near roadways which puts them at risk for severe or fatal incidents. With this in mind, consider the following tips for work that does not need permit-required traffic control.

- Train employees on the principles of safe traffic control. Organizations such as the National Safety Council have helpful courses on the subject.
- Complete a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) to identify and control hazards prior to site work.
- Schedule work during non-rush hours — the fewer cars on the road, the less the risk of exposure.
- Ensure safety cones and signage are the correct size and type, and are set up properly to alert drivers that workers are present. Refer to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published by the U.S. Department of Transportation for specific requirements on traffic control devices.
- Require employees to wear reflective gear or high visibility clothing.
- Park service vehicles strategically to block the path of oncoming vehicles. If this is not possible, park service vehicles in a safe zone away from the main roadway and use a small utility cart to carry materials and tools to and from the work zone.
- Keep employees well separated and avoid group gatherings.
- Be alert and face oncoming traffic while working, which allows for quick reaction to dangerous vehicles.
- Use pedestrian crosswalks when crossing the street and limit the amount of crossings.
- Schedule foremen or supervisors to ensure that proper controls are in place throughout the daily work shift.
- Incorporate a heat illness prevention plan during warmer weather.

The advice presented in this document is intended as general information for employers.

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