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Safety Refresher for Traffic Control on Roadways

Traffic control safety on roadways. This is not just about ensuring the smooth flow of vehicles but, more importantly, about ensuring our safety and the safety of the client and the public. Some key points to keep in mind while working on traffic control duties.

1. Understand the Work Zone Setup

- **Signage**: Ensure all signs are correctly placed and visible to drivers. Signs should be placed according to the Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) at appropriate distances to give drivers ample warning.
- **Barriers and Cones**: Use barriers, cones, and delineators to clearly mark the work zone. These should be set up according to the project plan and adjusted as needed.
- **Lighting**: For night work or low-visibility conditions, use adequate lighting. This includes work zone lights and reflective gear.

2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **High-Visibility Clothing**: Always wear high-visibility vests and clothing. This makes you more visible to drivers, especially in low-light conditions.
- **Hard Hats and Boots**: Wear hard hats and steel-toe boots to protect against potential hazards within the work zone.

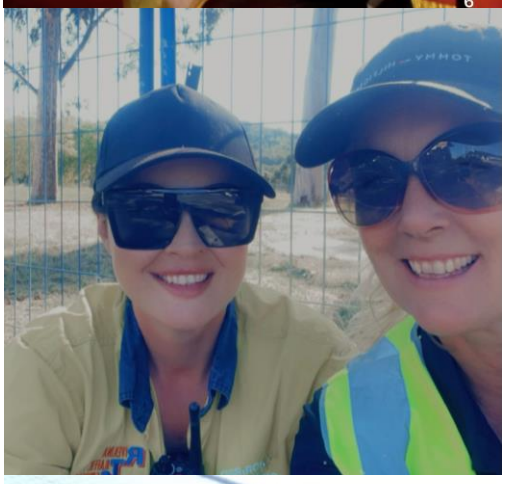
3. Communication

- **Two-Way Radios**: Use two-way radios to communicate with team members. This is crucial for coordinating actions and responding to emergencies.
- **Hand Signals**: Ensure everyone is familiar with standard hand signals used for directing traffic and alerting team members.

4. Traffic Control Devices

- **Traffic Signals and Signs**: Ensure traffic signals and signs are operational and clearly visible. Regularly check them for any issues.
- **Traffic Controller:** If you're working as a Traffic Controller, stay alert and be clear in your signals to drivers. Always stand in a safe location, never in the direct path of moving vehicles.







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ONE TEAM – 3 BRANCHES

5. Situational Awareness

- **Constant Vigilance**: Always be aware of your surroundings. Look out for oncoming traffic and any changes in the flow of vehicles.
- **Escape Route**: Have a planned escape route in case a vehicle enters the work zone unexpectedly. Know where you can quickly move to safety.

6. Driver Awareness

- **Inform Drivers**: Use variable message signs (VMS) and other devices to inform drivers of the work zone ahead. Clear communication helps drivers adjust their speed and be more cautious.
- **Speed Control**: Implement measures such as speed limit signs and radar speed displays to encourage drivers to slow down.

7. Emergency Preparedness

- **First Aid**: Have a first aid kit readily available and know the basics of first aid response.
- **Emergency Contacts**: Know the emergency contacts and the quickest way to get emergency services to the site if needed.

8. Regular Breaks and Hydration

- **Avoid Fatigue**: Take regular breaks to avoid fatigue, which can reduce your alertness and reaction time.
- **Stay Hydrated**: Keep hydrated, especially in hot weather, to maintain your physical and mental performance.

Conclusion

Traffic control on roadways is a task that requires constant vigilance and adherence to safety protocols. By following these guidelines, we can minimise risks and create a safer environment for ourselves, the client and the public. Always remember, your safety is paramount. If you ever feel a situation is unsafe, speak up and take the necessary precautions.

Stay safe, stay alert, and let's ensure we all go home safely at the end of the day.

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