

Almost every job at one time or another needs traffic control. This often involves the use of flaggers and signs. While we generally contract this out, there may be an occasion when you will be asked to flag. In Maine, you must be a certified flagger by State law.

It should be remembered that the intent of traffic control procedures is to prevent a tie-up in the operation of the construction project and to allow the public to move as efficiently as possible around the construction site. It is important that all flaggers remember that they represent the company and will come into contact with many people while flagging. Therefore, always be courteous

Guide For Discussion

Is the flagger trained and certified? (Maine & New York)

Set Up

- Pre-plan the entire traffic control operation.
- Have the flagger knowledgeable of all construction operations to occur.
- Clearly mark all changes or detours.
- Enforce all changes and detours.



Flagging Operations

- Be sure the traffic can see you.
- Wear a Class II (at a minimum) safety vest.
- Have good communications with other flaggers (radio or visual signals)
- Use STOP and SLOW paddles of proper size.
- Wear suitable shoes.
- Be dressed neatly (to reflect a good public image)
- Wear a hard hat.
- Never turn your back on the traffic
- Plan an escape route.
- Always be courteous but firm.



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