

▶ Road Work and Traffic Control Training

Working in and near traffic can be extremely dangerous, even deadly. Access to quality training for applicable workers, worker health and safety reps, joint health and safety committees, worker trades committees, lead hands and supervisors is a critical step, helping to prepare each to play an informed role towards safer traffic control in temporary work zones.

Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC), Ontario's only government-designated health and safety training centre with more than 35 years of experience, can help meet this need with two comprehensive training programs. Both are designed to ensure participants understand work practices and traffic control devices and measures critical to the safety of crews operating on or near roads, streets and highways.

Traffic Control and Signal Person

▶ Duration 6.00 hours

This program is for workers who perform traffic control and signalling duties, lead hands for road construction crews, and supervisors overseeing road crew activities. Worker representatives looking to exercise their right to participate in ensuring safer road work would also benefit from this program. Participants explore the extensive hazards related to road work, along with safe work practices and devices designed to control hazardous exposures and ensure the safe movement of traffic. They are also introduced to Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 7 (Temporary Conditions), which provides practical guidance regarding the use of traffic control devices in temporary work zones on or beside roads, streets, and highways. Hands-on practical exercises further aid in understanding safe work practices and traffic control devices such as three-way communication and directing traffic using stop/slow paddles.

Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 7

▶ Duration 7.00 hours

This program is designed for lead hands, supervisors, joint health and safety committees, worker health and safety reps, worker trades committees and others with legal obligations and powers relating to traffic control and the safety of workers in temporary work zones on or beside roads, streets and highways. There is a "Field Edition" and "Office Edition" of OTM Book 7. The "Field Edition" is intended only as a work site reference. The WHSC OTM Book 7 training explores the more expansive "Office Edition" to be used to design traffic control plans, including the initial planning, set-up, operation, monitoring, and removal of traffic control measures and devices. OTM Book 7 contains fundamental principles, guidelines, and current best practices critical to the control of traffic and safety of workers in temporary work zones in place to undertake a range of activities from construction and maintenance to surveying and work by utility companies.

Note: Participants should complete the WHSC Traffic Control and Signal Person program prior to attending WHSC OTM Book 7 training. Upon successful completion of each program, participants will be issued a record of training.