



# ARCO SAFE TOOL BOX TALKS

## Heavy Construction: Flagging Safety

*A flagger is a person who provides temporary traffic control when permanent traffic controls do not provide the necessary protection for operations on highways or streets.*

### **Flagger must have:**

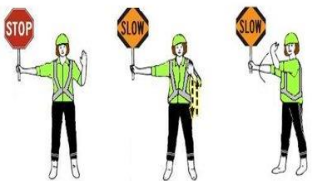
- Sense of responsibility for safety of public and workers
- Adequate training in Safe Traffic Control practices
- Good physical condition including sight and hearing
- Mental alertness and ability to react in an emergency
- Courteous but firm manner

### **Methods of Flagging (Picture bottom left):**

- To stop Traffic:
  - The flagger shall face traffic and extend the flag staff horizontally across the traffic lane in a stationary position so the full area of the flag is visible hanging below the staff. The free arm is raised with the palm of the hand toward approaching traffic.
- To direct stopped traffic to proceed:
  - The flagger shall stand parallel to the traffic movement and with flag and arms lowered from view of the driver, motion with the free hand for traffic to proceed. Flags shall not be used to signal traffic to proceed.
- To alert or Slow Traffic
  - The flagger shall face traffic and slowly wave the flag in a sweeping motion of the extended arm from shoulder level to straight down without raising the arm above a horizontal position.

### **Important to Remember:**

- Wear a HiViz reflective Vest (Class 3), or Jacket and Reflective Hard hat
- Coordinate with other flaggers and communicate by "Walkie Talkie" if visual contact cannot be maintained
- Know how to combat both heat, and cold exposure, dress appropriately, and know where shelter is available



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