Work Zone Safety: Flagging Procedures

To Stop Traffic

- Stand on the shoulder
- Face the flow of traffic
- Hold STOP sign to side at arm's length
- Hold other arm outstretched with palm facing motorist
- Make eye contact with driver
- Walk towards the centerline when one or two cars have stopped

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- BE ALERT and remain standing
- Always face oncoming traffic
- Set up at least 500 feet from the flagger symbol sign and at least 100 feet from the work space
- Stand alone, away from other crew members
- Be completely visible to oncoming traffic and not where the sun is impeding visibility or in a shadow
- Have a planned escape route

To Slow Traffic

- Use appropriate signs and flags to alert traffic of upcoming work zone
- Stand on shoulder and do not walk into the path of oncoming vehicles
- Face the flow of traffic
- Hold SLOW sign to side at arm's length
- Lower and raise free hand slowly with palm down

TO RELEASE TRAFFIC

- Walk back to the shoulder
- Face the flow of traffic
- Hold SLOW sign facing traffic at arm's length
- Motion traffic through with sweeping motion of free arm

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