

Occupation: Traffic Control Person

Job Description: Traffic Control Persons (TCP's) are the people on construction sites who control traffic. They are the men and women along roads and highways who help traffic keep flowing through a construction zone, despite a shutdown of lanes. TCP's often work in teams, with each person controlling the flow of traffic in a certain direction.

TCP's need to stand on their feet for long periods of time and understand how to control traffic to the best of their ability. TCP's may put out traffic cones and use signs and hand signals to communicate with motorists. TCP's need to be confident enough to stand in front of cars, sometimes in blazing heat, sometimes in the middle of the night, to make sure that traffic runs as smoothly as it can. If motorists do not obey the signs, TCP's may record license plates to report to the police.

Responsibilities:

- For directing traffic to protect the safety of the work crew
- To direct the actions of motoring and pedestrian traffic for their safety and the safety of the work crew
- For looking after their own safety so that they can effectively look after their duties to protect the safety of the work crew and the public

Hazards of the Job:

Traffic control people have the right to know what the hazards of the job are. Before starting the job a hazard assessment should be done. Things to look for would include but not be limited to:

- Traffic volumes
- Speed limits
- Sight distances
- Work process
- The presence of pedestrian traffic
- The tools and equipment including the signs
- Communications
- Proximity to other workers (working alone)
- Road surface
- Environmental conditions
- Proximity of heavy equipment
- Noise
- Training competencies for traffic control persons

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Safe Work Practices:

- Pre plan all traffic control sites
- Plan an escape route
- Stand alone
- Never leave the station unattended
- Never wave the paddle
- Keep signs clean and in good condition
- Remove or cover signs when not in use
- Never stand or walk in the path of moving vehicles
- No personal radios or other distractions at traffic control sites
- Know what is happening
- Check to make sure your signs are in place
- Use eye contact to get driver's attention
- Stay alert

General Environmental and Working Conditions

As a traffic control person for Safety First – SFC Ltd. employees are expected to work for all of the customers in which we provide services to. Having said that, the customer list in which we work for is large and therefore offers variation in what a typical “work day” may look like. To explain further, our more “construction” based customers, see a longer work day on average with more challenging environmental factors, which may include uneven ground surfaces, dust causing visibility issues, and more complex traffic control scenarios. This compares to our more “utility” type of groups where on average the work day is much shorter and the environment is far less strenuous.

One common characteristic regardless of the customer you are working for is that we send a “breaker” on every shift. As a result of this breaker system employees are required to actively control traffic for 1 hour on duty before they are entitled to a 30 min break. In essence employees work 1 hour on and 30 mins off for the duration of their shift. The benefit of having this “customer variety” coupled with an adequate breaker schedule is that it offers flexibility to assign employees to suitable job assignments.

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