FLAGGER DO’S AND DON’TS

A flagger’s job is to provide safety to both the work zone crew and the motoring public.

Flaggers:
- Receive and communicate specific instructions at the work site.
- Use signaling equipment to provide clear and positive guidance.
- Recognize dangerous traffic situations and warn workers in sufficient time to avoid injury.
- Move quickly to avoid personal danger from vehicles.
- Answer questions courteously and clearly.

**DO**
- Face traffic and obtain eye contact.
- Remain alert at all times.
- Stand alone where you can be easily seen by motorists.
- Be sure the correct message (stop or slow) is showing to oncoming traffic.
- Use proper clothing and equipment while on duty.
- Have thorough knowledge of the project’s traffic plans.
- Treat each driver as you would the first one you flag that day. As far as they are concerned, they are!
- Wear sunscreen.
- Remain hydrated; drink plenty of water.
- Keep your supervisor informed of any problems or concerns.

**DON’T**
- Don’t stand in an open traffic lane.
- Don’t stand with a group of people.
- Don’t stand near equipment or vehicles.
- Don’t stand with your back to the traffic.
- Don’t sit or lean against anything.
- Don’t take part in unnecessary conversation with workers, pedestrians, or motorists.
- Don’t give flagging instructions contrary to traffic control devices operating in your area.
- Don’t read a book or listen to your music while on duty.
- Don’t leave your station until properly relieved.

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