



What Should Flaggers Avoid?

Flaggers must avoid dangerous behavior. Here are some flagging DONT'S:

- Don't stand where you can be crushed.
- Don't stand in the shade over the crest of a hill or around a sharp curve.
- Don't leave your position until properly relieved.
- Don't stand near equipment.
- Don't stand in a group.
- Don't make unneeded conversation.
- Don't read or daydream on duty.
- Don't listen to music or use ear phones.
- Don't turn your back to the traffic.



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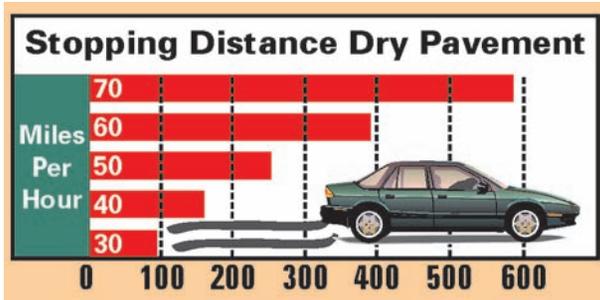


What Is the Main Hazard of Flagging?

Motorists kill about 20 flaggers a year. Many more are injured. Flagging can be dangerous due to:

- High speed traffic.
- Angry or aggressive drivers.

After seeing a flagger, a motorist going 60 mph needs almost 400 feet to stop.



How Can We Protect Ourselves?

The best way to protect ourselves is to be visible and to wear protective clothing.

Wear high visibility clothing:

- Orange, yellow, or green vest.
- Only retro-reflective vests at night.

Wear other protective equipment:

- Hard hat.
- Long-sleeved shirt and pants.
- Appropriate clothes for expected weather.



Stay alert and out of harm's way.

Follow these tips:

- Stand alone on the shoulder in clear view.
- Never stand in the open traffic lane.
- Plan an escape route for emergencies.
- Stay alert, focused on work.
- Make sure your hand signals don't conflict with the traffic signals.
- Treat motorists with respect and courtesy. Don't pick fights or respond to anger. Notify law enforcement when motorists do not obey.