TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION RISK REMINDER

PARTNERING WITH TOWNSHIPS

Road Construction Safety

Use of Flaggers

At all times where one-way traffic is utilized, the township or its contractor is required to furnish no fewer than two flaggers. The flaggers shall be equipped with safe and proper signal devices as prescribed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways published by the Department of Transportation. The manual is available from IDOT. Visit their website at <u>www.dot.state.il.us/</u>

The job of flagger is extremely important and the person doing this job should be physically capable, mentally alert, and knowledgeable concerning the requirements of the job. The flagger should never be closer than 100 feet from the work crew.

Signals and Signs

Safe and proper signals and signs should be used to warn approaching vehicles when any portion of a highway, street or bridge is being constructed or maintained.

Protective Equipment

Flaggers should wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including a highly visible day-glo green (effective January 1999) vest. Remember vests offer visibility front and back, not from the sides. Flaggers should face traffic so they are easily visible to oncoming motorists and can keep eye contact with drivers.

Communication Equipment

The flaggers should be equipped with a 'stop-slow' paddle and a lantern, flashlight or other special equipment depending upon lighting and weather conditions. Use radio communications where flaggers are not able to see one another.

BE ALERT! If a motorist disregards your signal causing an emergency situation, warn the work crew immediately. **THEIR SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU!**







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