



Traffic Control Device: **Work Zone**

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Division:

Subject: **Sign Placement**

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## Purpose

Sign placement is critical for motorist recognition and legibility. Sign placement standardization cannot always be attained in practice because signs, in all cases, must be placed in the most advantageous position.

## Policy

All traffic signs should be located in the most advantageous position for the motorist.

## Standard

Notwithstanding that sign positions are dependent on many extraneous factors the following guidelines should be used when installing signs in work zones:

- X Temporary signs in construction and maintenance work zones should normally be positioned on the right-hand side of the road. When two or more adjacent lanes accommodate traffic travelling in the same direction, and sufficient space is available on the median, signs must be positioned on both sides of the roadway.
- X Signs must be positioned within the cone of vision of the motorist in a location where they will convey their message most effectively.
- X On **uncurbed roadways** all signs, except those mounted on portable sign stands, must be positioned clear of the highway shoulder line by at least 1.0 m.
- X On **curbed roadways** signs must be positioned clear of the curb edge by a minimum of 600 mm in rural areas and 400 mm in urban areas.
- X All installations must be mounted so that the sign face is oriented towards oncoming traffic and must be constructed to yield upon impact, minimizing the hazard to motorists.
- X For long duration construction and maintenance work, signs should be mounted on minimum 100 x 100 mm wood posts.

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- X Signs mounted on portable sign stands should be a minimum 600 mm above the surface of the road.
- X Signs mounted on more permanent structures should be mounted at minimum 1.5 m above the surface of the road.