

TEAMWORK IMPROVES SAFETY

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KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Traffic Safety

Highway and street construction workers are at risk of both fatal and nonfatal injuries when working near passing motorists, construction vehicles, and equipment. Each year, more than 100 workers are killed and over 20,000 are injured in the highway and street construction industry.

Here is an Example: Jack was working as a flagger on a construction crew of 11 workers paving the northbound side of a six-lane highway. A motorist did not see him. Jack was hit by the car and ended up in the hospital.

- 1. What could have been done to prevent this?
- 2. Have you or someone you know been involved in a traffic safety accident? If so, what happened?

Prevention:

- Wear high visibility clothing with a fluorescent background or reflective materials, including vests, arm bands or hats.
- Be aware of your surroundings and identify potential hazards.
- Stay out of lanes or areas where walking is prohibited.
- Make sure you are aware of and understand hand and other communication signals that will be used on the jobsite.
- Make sure you understand the traffic flow and the equipment travel paths and avoid standing or walking in these areas.
- Listen for reverse signal alarms.

For more information visit OSHA STANDARD 1926.200

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