



## ROADSIDE SAFETY FOR LANDSCAPE CREWS

Landscaping is a high-risk industry, and working near roadways adds greater potential for injury to people and equipment. Protect yourself and your crew by reviewing our roadside safety tips.

### EMPLOYER/SUPERVISOR CHECKLIST

- Educate roadside landscape crews about potential roadside work zone hazards, and occupational health and safety rights and responsibilities.
- Provide training for safe work zone procedures.
- How to safely set up and take down a work zone.
- Develop and enforce Traffic Control Plan in compliance with MUTCD.
- Provide high visibility apparel and other PPE.
- Confirm your their employees understand the work zone procedures and their roles in it.
- Follow federal, state and local regulations.

### ROADSIDE LANDSCAPE CREW RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ask your employer about the roadside safety procedures and plans before starting the job.
- Hold yourself accountable to being safe and maintaining a safe work zone.
- Understand emergency protocols; have an escape route prepared if necessary.
- Ensure your work vehicle is stocked with proper safety equipment.

**For more safety tips and information visit the following links:**

[NALP: Working Near Roadsides](#)

[Landscaper Best Practices for Road Safety: A Comprehensive Guide](#)

[Safety for Roadside Workers](#)





## ROADSIDE LANDSCAPE BEST PRACTICES

- Always be aware of the line of sight of the traffic nearby and other workers.
- Make note of nearby utilities, structures, slopes, trees, and other plants in the work zone.
- Mark out your vehicles and work zone with safety cones.
- Know the four segments of temporary-traffic-control-zones. 1) Advance warning area: Traffic cones are used to inform road users about upcoming traffic control, hazards, and worker presence. 2) Transition area: Where road users transition to different traffic path. 3) Activity area: Where workers, activities, and hazards are present. 4) Termination area: Traffic patterns transition to normal pattern.
- After placing safety cones and other traffic control devices, drive the route as if you were an oncoming driver to confirm proper placement.
- Wear PPE and high visibility apparel.
- Walk facing oncoming traffic. If you need to turn your back on traffic, consider having a spotter nearby.
- Eliminate distractions: Music, cell phone usage, messy work space, etc.
- Inform co-workers of your movement (arrivals, departures, change in activity) in work zone.

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