

Tool Talk Safety Meeting

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Working outside of the closure increases risk. For example, removing edgeline with an SCB in live traffic or peeling temporary tape in live traffic without protection can get you run over.

Plan ahead! Never let your guard down! Keep your crew safe. Before every job, during the Safety Minute discussion, conduct a pre-task analysis; look at what you have to do, identify the hazards, determine the safest and most productive way to go about it and then do the job at the highest level of quality.

A job with removal or temporary tape to peel may require setting up a closure or moving drums to the other side of the taper to work inside. Other times you may be able to use the truck to protect you. No shortcuts!

Get the proper equipment or additional traffic control devices and take the proper amount of time to set up the work zone to complete the job safely.

Here is the definition of a work zone from the Michigan MUTCD "Michigan Vehicle Code" (Excerpt) 257.79d

"Work Zone"

- 1. Is between a "work zone begins" and an "end road work" sign.
- 2. Is between a "begin work convoy" and an "end work convoy" sign.
- 3. Is150 feet in front of or behind a vehicle exhibiting a beacon or strobe light.

Expect the unexpected and be prepared for it. Make plans to set up a work zone and stay in it to protect yourself and others.



Inside Closure = Low Risk! Good!



* Removal (SCB) In Live Traffic = Increased Risk! Create a shoulder closure to work in. * Outside Closure = Increased Risk! Put drums to the right of taper for room to work