

Tool Talk Safety Meeting

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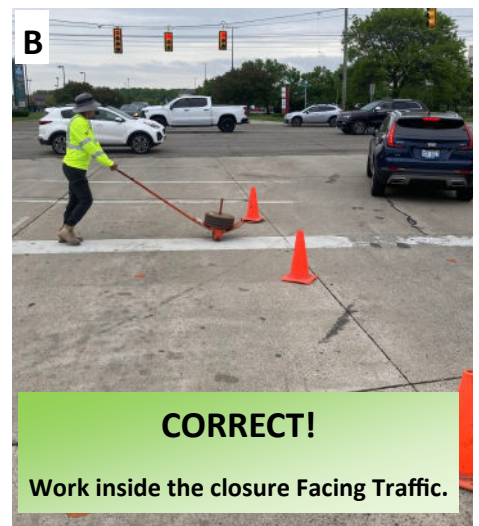
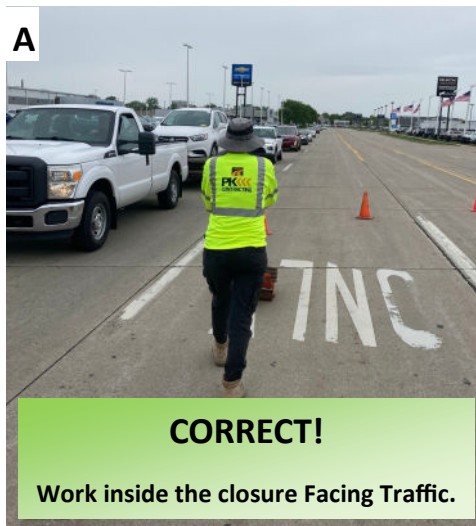
Situational Awareness

Situational awareness is the conscious knowledge we have of the immediate environment and all events happening in it. The elements are observed and understood. Situational awareness is very important to gain and maintain in the work zone.

Use your senses to reduce the risk of injury. Without situational awareness you put yourself at risk for dangers that you didn't see, hear or sense coming. Use the SLAM Method to help maintain situational awareness.

- **STOP** – Engage your mind and know the task you will be doing.
- **LOOK** – Evaluate the work environment and identify hazards
- **ASSESS** – The effects the hazards will have upon you, you team and the environment around you.
- **MANAGE** – Be aware of your surroundings at all times and position yourself in the safest position while using your senses to maintain situational awareness.

The pictures to the right are examples of the correct and incorrect way to operate a tamper cart inside a lane closure. Pictures A & B show the worker working inside the closure while facing the live lane of traffic and keeping an eye on traffic.



Pictures C shows the worker inside the closure, back toward traffic and unable to see approaching danger. Picture D shows the worker stepping backwards into the live lane of traffic and at great risk of being struck.

Be aware of your surroundings. Work inside the closure and position yourself with eyes on traffic. At the end of the day we all want to go home safe. .

