



Pedestrian Accommodation in Work Zones

Did you know that whenever work is being performed on or near a sidewalk or walking path as part of a temporary traffic control (TTC) zone, there must be accommodations provided for pedestrians who use that sidewalk or path, including individuals with disabilities. The requirement applies to all TTC zones including road and vertical construction, and maintenance contractors.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in Section 6D.02 (03) states that: "When existing pedestrian facilities are disrupted, closed, or relocated in a TTC zone, the temporary facilities shall be detectable and include accessibility features consistent with the features present in the existing pedestrian facility. Where pedestrians with visual disabilities normally use the closed sidewalk, a barrier that is detectable by a person with a visual disability traveling with the aid of a long cane shall be placed across the full width of the closed sidewalk" (MUTCD, 2009, pg.563).



The MUTCD is referenced by many plaintiff attorneys as the standard of care in legal proceedings and is used as a basis to establish negligence against contractors. These types of legal proceedings directly affect your general liability line of coverage, so be sure to take the necessary measures to mitigate exposure to pedestrians.

If you need assistance and/or training, please do not hesitate to reach out to your designated safety specialist.

The link below is a great resource to assist you in evaluating site conditions that pose a risk to pedestrians navigating through your work zones.

https://www.workzonesafety.org/files/documents/training/fhwa_wz_grant/artba_pedestrian_accommodation_wz.pdf

References:

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