

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT VISITOR'S GUIDE



*A guide for occasional access  
to construction sites by  
workers and visitors*

This guide was written to assist people who must occasionally access CDOT construction project sites, and who may not be familiar with construction worksite hazards or changing conditions. Each person who visits a site should receive permission to access the site, and should read and comply with the information in this guide.

**NOTE TO MEDIA MEMBERS** – Please contact CDOT's Public Relations Office at 303-757-9228 for arrangements.



### Before Driving to the Site

- Contact CDOT's Construction Project Engineer (PE) to discuss access, parking, site hazards, use of hazard lights/beacons, and other details.
- Make sure hazard lights, flashing beacon (if available), turn signals, and brake lights are functioning properly.
- Personal Protective Equipment (hard hat, high-visibility and reflective safety vest) is required. The PE or PR Office may be able to provide these.
- Sturdy shoes, protective eyewear, and appropriate clothing are strongly recommended.
- Bring a flashlight if visit is at night.
- Wear seat belts at all times—it is a state law.



### Traffic Control

- Obey posted signs approaching and on the site.
- Follow directions given by flaggers or other construction personnel.
- Any out-of-place or confusing signs, cones, striping, etc., should be reported immediately to the CDOT PE.

### Exiting the Highway

- Slow down and turn on flashing beacon (if available).
- Use turn signal to exit the roadway, flash brake lights, then turn on hazard lights.
- Be aware of motorists who may follow you into the construction area! If they follow you, stop in a safe area where they can also stop safely; flaggers or construction crews can help them get back onto the highway.



### Driving within the work zone

- Once safely off the highway, keep beacon on, unless otherwise directed by the CDOT PE.
- Drive slowly on the site.
- Ask PE to direct you to a safe place to park, which may be off-site.
- Do not drive or park next to excavations.
- Watch for surface obstructions such as waste concrete, debris, utilities, or grade stakes.
- Look around vehicle, also using side-view mirrors, before opening any doors.

### When outside of vehicle

- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times.
- Never turn your back on moving traffic.
- Check vehicle frequently to ensure it remains out of the way of construction activities (and is not blocked in).
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times (“keep your head on a swivel”).
- Plan an escape route, and be prepared to use it if necessary.
- Do not cross live traffic without assistance from flaggers.
- Listen for back up alarms!



- Do not access excavations, confined spaces (pipes, inlets, manholes), or approach hazardous materials without proper training.
- Keep concrete barrier between yourself and moving vehicles, if possible.
- At night, be aware of motorists' potential distractions or impairments.

### When around active equipment

- Stay outside of the “safety circle” around equipment.



- Do not stand directly behind equipment. If you cannot see the operator, he/she cannot see you.
- Make eye contact and wait for a visible sign that the operator sees you before approaching or passing equipment.

### Re-entering the highway

- Use designated locations to access the highway. Wait for a sufficient break in traffic before entering. Flaggers may help you.
- Be aware that vehicles may change lanes.
- When safe entry can be made, be sure to get your vehicle up to speed quickly, then turn off flashing beacon or hazard lights.



### CHECKLIST

- You need to be in the construction site (or is there a safer vantage point?)
- You have discussed details with CDOT:
  - permission to access site
  - access points
  - where you are going
  - what construction activities are going on
  - the nature of your visit
  - when you will arrive at and leave the site
- You have Personal Protective Equipment with you, or will obtain it from CDOT
- You operate your vehicle in a safe manner, and beacon, turn signals, hazard lights, & brake lights are fully functional

### NOTES:

**Safety**  
doesn't happen by  
**Accident**