

Section 11

Protecting the Public

The public shall be kept away from locations where work activity presents hazards. Holes, trenches, and obstructions shall be barricaded. Holes, trenches, and obstructions shall be marked with warning signs and flags in daylight, and electric flashers at night, so located as to give the traveling public ample time to stop, if necessary.

Trucks, air compressors, welding machines, and other equipment shall be so placed as to present the least hazard to traffic consistent with a safe working space for employees. Trucks and equipment shall be placed between the work area and the oncoming traffic, where appropriate.

When leaving material, equipment, or other obstructions on a roadway overnight, the following precautions must be taken:

- (a) Equipment shall not be left adjacent to fire hydrants or directly in front of entrances to parks, playgrounds, churches, houses, schools, or other places of public entry.
- (b) Equipment shall be locked or otherwise secured so that unauthorized persons cannot start, move or operate it. Do not suspend equipment above the work area or adjacent area.
- (c) Any obstruction shall be adequately protected by approved warning devices.

Note: Access to the work site must be free of obstructions that would prevent emergency vehicles from entering.