

Safety Sound-off

VIDC Occupational Health & Safety Committee Newsletter

Cone Zone

RCMP steps up traffic enforcement in support of roadside-worker safety
Richmond, B.C. — The RCMP Lower Mainland District Integrated Road Safety Unit is partnering with the Work Zone Safety Alliance and WorkSafeBC to raise awareness about the risks workers face while working on or alongside the road.

In 2018, two roadside workers died as a result of being hit by a motor vehicle and another 29 were injured. Between 2009 and 2018, 13 roadside workers were killed and 213 were injured under similar circumstances.

The B.C. Cone Zone Campaign, now in its ninth year, sets out to remind employers, workers and drivers to obey the law when approaching a cone zone, to prevent deaths and injuries to roadside workers in B.C.

The campaign will include an enforcement blitz at worksites in the Lower Mainland for members of the driving public. Tickets to drivers can range from \$196 for disobeying a flag person to \$368 for using an electronic device while driving. The social and economic

Your Car Weighs Up to Two Tons. A Cone Won't Slow it Down. Your Right Foot Will.

Thousands of roadside workers are depending on drivers to keep control of their vehicle in a Cone Zone. Here's what they want you to do:

1. Slow down and drive with extreme care near a Cone Zone.
2. Stay alert and minimize distractions.
3. Think about every cone as if a human being were standing behind it.

Slow Down

- Plan your route and allow extra travel time.
- Expect the unexpected and don't tailgate.
- Slow down to posted speed limits and pay attention.
- Allow extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

Keep your eyes (and ears) on the road

- Never use a cell phone or text while driving.
- Follow sign and flag directions.
- Get to know the work zone signs.

Show respect for roadside workers

Make eye contact.

- Keep your cool and be patient.

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Dates to Remember

- ◆ Jun. 21-23, 2019: Miner's Memorial



- Slow down even if you don't see anyone working. Hazards such as traffic shifts or lane reductions may appear suddenly.





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100 years ago

The Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 was one of the most influential strikes in Canadian history, and became the platform for future labour reforms. Massive unemployment and inflation, dismal wages and working conditions, and the success of the Russian Revolution all contributed to labour unrest at the time.

The Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 was an important event in the history of Canada because it was a turning point. The strike was an illegal six week action fought by underprivileged Canadian Workers to have their right of collective bargaining recognized by the Canadian Government and by wealthy business owners.



WORD SEARCH

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