


WARNING TRAFFIC CONES

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

 **WARNING:** This equipment can expose you to chemicals including Diisononyl Phthalate (DINP) and Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov

Traffic cones are used to designate what is known as Temporary Traffic Control Zones, or TTC Zones. This term is used to define any roadside area where normal conditions have changed.

The four main TTC Zone categories include:

- Work Zones
- Incident Zones
- Special Lanes
- Planned Events

Let us review each category in greater detail.

Work Zones: A work zone is any highway area where there are construction, maintenance or utility activities taking place.

Incident Zones: An incident zone is an area marked off by authorized personnel immediately after a traffic incident has occurred. It is established to prevent passersby from inadvertently entering the incident zone.

Special Lanes: Any time that roadside personnel need to divide vehicular lanes to accommodate a different traffic flow, they will use traffic cones to mark these special lanes. They do the same when they need to mark special lanes for bikers, pedestrians, or cyclists.

Planned Events: Have you ever tried to drive through downtown during a street festival or a marathon? If so, you will find that there are certain areas marked with traffic cones that you cannot drive through. These are placed before planned events to allow traffic to circumvent the main area of activity.

Use the “buddy system” whenever you are setting up or taking down traffic cones. Be sure to look in the opposite direction of travel, i.e., where the traffic is coming from. Use extra caution when setting up or taking down traffic cones in inclement weather or when visibility may be hampered.

Always wear proper Personal Protective Equipment including, but not limited to, hi-visibility clothing, gloves, & eye protection whenever setting up or taking down this equipment!

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**