



Safety Share

Inactive Work Zones

Traffic control work areas may go through periods of inactivity, for example, at night, on weekends, or holidays.

When work areas are inactive, contractors must:

- Store equipment and materials away from the travelled roadway or clearly mark a path around.
- Have appropriate traffic control devices (lights, barriers, traffic markers) in place.
- Protect devices from weather and vandalism.
- Remove, cover, or turn off any non-applicable temporary signs or devices and any permanent signs or devices that conflict with temporary signs.
- Routinely inspect the work area to make sure devices are in place and provide adequate roadway guidance.
- Backfill all excavations and mark a path around them with barriers, or cover in an approved manner while the work zone is left unattended.

