

Potential Job Site Hazards Checklist

Below is a checklist covering potential hazards you may encounter and safeguards to prevent or minimize each hazard.

Note that some specifications described in the following content may not be the same as the specifications followed by your agency. Always check with your State agency's standards and specifications when using these guidelines.

Sections

- **Unstable Footing**
- **Vegetation**
- **Snakes and Insects**
- **Environmental Changes**
- **Visibility**

Unstable Footing

- Make sure employees are aware of their surroundings**
- If possible, use designated walk paths that are free of debris and have stable footing**
- If not possible, employees must be careful where they are stepping**

Vegetation

- Employees should have access to poisonous plant block, wash, and spray when working in vegetation that has poisonous plants in it**
- Long sleeves and gloves also protect against exposure**

Snakes and Insects

- Snakes should be avoided
- Employees must be aware of their surroundings when entering the domain of snakes, spiders, and/or any insects
- Insecticidal spray safe for human use should be used to lessen the possibility of being bitten

Environment Changes

- Caution must be exercised when working in any jobsite where the site has changed
- Always check the surroundings before beginning work for changes in the surroundings of the jobsite
- An example would be rain as it will significantly alter the jobsite

Visibility

- Visibility is an issue when the worksite is in a curve
- Caution must be exercised when setting up the proper work zone to increase the visibility of the workers
- Watch for traffic at all times
- The flagger should be equipped with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for visibility and proper work zone setup
- Signs and cones should be in place to increase visibility