

Sawcutting Operation Guide

The sawcutting operation consist of sawcutting the existing roadway using a walk behind saw.

The procedure for this operation will be as follows

1. The foreman will evaluate the area where work is to take place, identify vehicle and pedestrian exposures, overhead hazards.
2. The foreman will conduct a job safety briefing, pointing out and documenting any hazards that are specific to the site.
3. The crew will set up work area protection
4. The sawcutter will check for code 753 mark outs and then mark out the area to be sawcut in spray paint
5. The sawcutter will unload the sawcutting machine and commence sawcut the area.
6. A spotter or flag person is required to assist the movement of machinery and large mobile equipment (backhoe, excavator, dump trucks) when moving in and out of the work zone.

Employee responsibilities:

A) The crew will make sure they have all safety equipment, personal protective equipment (hardhat, reflective safety vest, safety eye glasses, steel toe work boots and gloves) men working signs, and sufficient cones and cone bars for the days work before leaving the yard.

B) The entire crew is responsible to set up, evaluate and maintain the proper work area protection at all times. If at any time anyone on the crew feels like the work area is not being protected correctly or that one of their coworkers whether it is a laborer or operator is not maintaining focus on their task it is their right and responsibility to stop work from continuing until the situation is corrected.

C) The foreman will observe the work area to ensure that it is being set up correctly.

D) All drivers will perform a pre-inspection on the “Whip Around App” prior to operating that equipment for the day.

Sawcutter responsibilities:

The sawcutter will make sure other laborers in the work zone maintain situational awareness and keep a safe distance and do not stand in front of the saw.

Helper/Spotter responsibilities.

The sawcut helper/spotter will help the sawcutter remove saw from truck, help him mark the roadway and make sure he does not stand in front of the saw or in line with the blade.