

health & safety

guidelines for roadside checkpoints (e.g. child restraint checks)

The Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 places duties on a number of people (and particularly employers) to manage health and safety. This checklist ensures that as an employer, contractor or sub-contractor you have taken 'all practicable steps' to ensure that any individual is not harmed while carrying out work funded by the LTSA through the CRSP.

Risks

1. People working alongside traffic or close to the traffic flow may be injured by moving vehicles

Controls

1. A traffic management plan (TMP) is essential and this must be agreed before the event. The TMP must be approved by the road controlling authority responsible for the road site chosen and a site traffic management supervisor (STMS) must be present and in charge of the site.*
2. If the checkpoint is Police supervised they will control the site.
3. The site must be chosen with safety in mind, clear visibility (straight road, layby, minimum 250 m visibility) and allow for vehicles to enter and exit the traffic flow safely.
4. The site must be clearly marked with cones and warning signs.
5. Participants should be briefed prior to starting regarding emergency procedures, safety rules and appropriate dialogue with the public.
6. High visibility safety clothing should be worn during the event.
7. Protective clothing appropriate for weather conditions must be provided and used.
8. Cell phones should be available to call emergency services.
9. If a child car restraint checking clinic is being held refer to the ACC planning guide.

* For more details regarding a TMP contact Transit New Zealand or your regional Land Transit Safety Authority office.