

Public Works Safety Briefs



Municipal employees in Public Works and Highway departments who work near traffic or with chemicals or heavy equipment are at significantly higher physical risk than typical office workers. And while in-depth training has its place, sometimes all you need is a 15-minute session that doesn't interfere with the work day and gets all employees "on the same page" regarding safety issues and your related workplace policies. PACIF Safety Briefs help municipal highway supervisors maintain a high level of hazard awareness among their employees.

Each safety brief focuses on a single topic and has three main parts:

- background information for the supervisor
- talking points for the training itself
- a place to record who attended the training

We recommend downloading these and using them one at a time as 10- to 15-minute "tailgate trainings" on a regular basis — no less than once every month. Many of them are simply refreshers on information that employees should already have received as part of more formal training. The [Summary of Topics](#) can be a convenient checklist: use the briefs in any order you want, note the date and trainer as you go, and have a handy record of what topics haven't been discussed yet.

If you need a particular safety topic that is not yet in this set of files, you may want to look for it on the [Vermont Local Roads Tailgate Talks](#) webpage. If not you don't find it there, please email us at losscontrol@vlct.org.

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