

Traffic Cone Checklist

Do You Have the Correct Cone?

Use this printable checklist to make sure your traffic cones meet MUTCD and state requirements for your work zone conditions.

- Posted speed ≤ 40 mph, daytime only → Use 18" orange cones.
- Night work or ≥ 45 mph → Use 28"+ cones with two reflective collars (6" + 4" pattern).
- Freeway/high-speed, poor weather, or extra conspicuity → Use 36" cones with reflective collars + weighted base.
- Confirm taper length and spacing from your traffic control plan or state DOT table.
- Inspect collars (clean, intact), replace damaged cones, and verify night visibility.
- Store cones upright, protected from UV exposure when not in use.

Note: Always follow MUTCD Part 6 and your state's specific requirements for temporary traffic control devices.