



# OTM Book 7 has changed

## Do you know what the changes are?

The *Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7 (Temporary Conditions)* provides the basic requirements for traffic control in work zones during roadway or utility construction and maintenance on or beside public highways. Public highways include ramps as well as municipal roads and streets. There are two versions that are available to purchase from Publications Ontario—the Office Edition and the Field Edition.

Firms that are working for provincial, municipal, and private road authorities need a good working knowledge of Book 7. That's also true for utilities, contractors, and others who have approval to work on public roadways.

Revised in January 2014, the new version OTM's Book 7 has been re-formatted so that it is more user friendly. It has a new structure that recognizes there are a wide range of people who use the book, that they do a wide variety of tasks, and that they have different levels of knowledge.

While there are no new legislative requirements, the revised format includes new information about paid duty officers, bicycles as vehicles, roundabouts, traffic

control for unplanned events, and substantial changes to the layout for traffic control persons (TCPs).

IHSA has posted a comparison chart on [ihsa.ca](http://ihsa.ca) that provides a section-by-section overview of all differences between the old and new versions of Book 7. In addition, we have also posted a Powerpoint presentation from the Ministry of Transportation outlining the key points that have changed. These documents can be downloaded from the **News and Events** section or the **Traffic Control** topic page.

