WORKING ON TWO PERSON SURVEY CREWS:

New Equipment, budget and personnel cuts have caused a dramatic change in the way surveying is done at the City Of Los Angeles. Two person Survey crews have become the norm even though traffic has increased ten fold. The Survey Division has an amazing history of safety working in the busy streets of Los Angeles. With the decrease in personnel we have to be more vigilant and resourceful than ever before in our efforts to avoid accidents and injuries.

This is an attempt to outline some procedures that may help avoid any accidents or injuries.

1. Always have a plan, both for safe worksite setup and for the survey work to be done.
2. Assess the job location for safety concerns and come up with a plan.
3. Assure that both Survey Party members are clear on the plans. Discuss the safety plan and the work plan prior to setting out your safety equipment.
4. If there is no safe way to approach the job, contact your Supervisor for additional help. Additional personnel or safety devices may be warranted.
5. Be familiar with the “WATCH” manual as a guide for general traffic safety.
6. After placing sufficient traffic safety devices, observe traffic to see how vehicles react. Readjust safety devices if necessary.
7. Using the “Buddy System” maintain visible and audio contact between both Survey Party members.
8. If a task arises that presents a dangerous or unsafe condition, proceed to another task until the previous can be made safe.

Always Use Common Sense!!