



## CONSTRUCTION/WORK ZONE SAFETY

With the Spring season comes road construction. Roadway work zones are hazardous for both motorists who drive through the complex array of signs, barrels and lane changes and for workers, who build, maintain and repair our highways, streets, and bridges. Crashes in highway work zones have killed at least 4,700 Americans, more than a 2 a day, and injured more than 200,000 in the past 5 years. About 85% of people killed in work zones are motorists, not workers.

Increased awareness remains critical in maintaining the safety of both motorists and workers. The key to safely navigating road work is staying focused and keeping the following in mind while driving in construction zones ...

\* ***SLOW DOWN*** – Reduced speeds are applied when normal conditions do not exist for the motorist (narrow lanes, changing conditions, edge drop offs). Posted speed limits throughout work zones are not a suggestion – **they are the law**. There is a Zero Tolerance policy against violations in work zones and fines have increased. Do not resume normal speeds until you see signs indicating it is safe to do so. Typically, when workers are present the speed limit is **45 mph**, unless otherwise marked. When workers are not present, you are still required to follow the posted work zone speed limit.

\* ***Follow the signs*** – Arrow boards and flaggers are not there to make your life more difficult, they are there to help guide you safely through the work zone.



- \* ***Don't follow to close*** – One of the most common crashes in a work zone is a rear-end collision. Drivers should make sure they can safely stop their vehicle if traffic backs up.
- \* ***Be patient*** – Most of the time work zones require lane closures. Remain alert in case you need to slow down or stop due to traffic or construction work.
- \* ***Turn on your headlights*** – Workers and other motorists driving through the work zone need to see your vehicle. Large truck operators should use emergency flashers to warn trailing motorists that they are slowing down.

### ATTENTION

We have had a rash of late deliveries with no reason on why they were late. If you are given a load and you accept it, we expect it to be delivered **on time**. As always, our policy is to pre-notify dispatch if you are not able to make your scheduled delivery time.

I would appreciate everyone doing what they can to improve our on time deliveries. Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter.

I have read and understand the above information regarding "Construction/Work Zone Safety".

Signature

Date



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