Work Zone Safety Awareness

Work Zone Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

We all are responsible for driving, walking and biking safely through roadway work zones.

Engineers, planners and workers are charged with ensuring the work zone is designed and operated with safety in mind.

Motorists and pedestrians have a responsibility to be alert, obey traffic laws and signs, and use common sense to safely navigate roadway work zones.

Everyone has a role in work zone safety.

FACTS

- Since 2012, an average of more than 330 severe crashes have occurred each year in INDOT highway work zones.
- Four of every five deaths in highway work zones are drivers and passengers, not highway workers.
- Most fatal work zone crashes occur on roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph.
- Most work zone crashes are caused by:
  - Driver inattention
  - Following too closely
  - Unsafe lane movement
  - Failure to yield right-of-way
  - Speeding

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Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones

- **Stay alert and minimize distractions.** Don't text, talk or adjust controls.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may change and workers may be nearby.
- **Slow down.** Speeding is the major cause of work zone crashes.
- **Don't tailgate.** The most common work zone crash is the rear-end collision.
- **Keep a safe distance from highway workers and their equipment.** Workers and equipment may be near the road.
- **Keep up with traffic.** Maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible.
- **Pay attention to signs and obey road crew flaggers.** Warning signs and flaggers help keep you safe.
- **Leave early, be patient and stay calm.** Remember that construction crews are working to make your future drive better.

Motorists in Indiana face fines of up to $1,000 for speeding and up to $5,000 for driving recklessly.

Drivers who injure or kill a highway worker could face a $10,000 fine and up to six years behind bars.

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