



Traveling Safely Through Work Zones

It's that time of year -construction season. Often the source of delays, motorists find construction work zones a source of frustration, no matter the need for essential roadway repairs. However, overshadowing the aggravation is the growing danger facing both motorists and workers in this hazardous environment.

In order to keep yourself and others safe, keep the following tips in mind when driving through construction work zones:

- Expect the unexpected. Stay alert and be prepared to stop.
- Pay close attention to what's happening around you and obey all signs and flaggers.
- Avoid distractions such as your cell phone, pager, laptop, radio, etc.
- Don't speed, tailgate or change lanes.
- Leave a safe distance between your vehicle and the car in front of you (rear-end collisions are the most common work zone incidents).
- Maintain your distance from traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.
- Maneuver into the correct lane well in advance.
- Be aware of other vehicles trying to merge.
- Be ready to stop at any time.
- Be patient and plan for delays. Leave early to reach your destination or take an alternate route.

For additional information:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration www.nhtsa.dot.gov

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration www.fhwa.dot.gov

National Safety Council www.nsc.org

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