

Illinois Supports National Work Zone Awareness Week

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10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

(Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.)

SLOW DOWN!

(Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.)

DON'T TAILGATE! Keep a Safe Distance Between You and the Car Ahead of You.

(The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision.)

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

(Allow distance between your vehicle and the construction workers and their equipment.)

PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS! Observe the Posted Signs Until You See the One That Says You've Left the Work Zone.

(The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone.)

OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS! The Flagger Knows What is Best for Moving Traffic Safely in the Work Zone.

(A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying their directions.)

STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS!

(Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.)

KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.

(Help maintain traffic flow by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try to merge.)

SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY. Check Radio, TV and Websites for Traffic Information.

(Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. Check the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse at <http://wzsafety.tamu.edu> for information on work zone delays throughout the country.)

BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.

(Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.)

