



Choose Safety for Life★



Focus in Work Zones!

Work Zone Safety

- *Over the last 10 years for which this is complete data (1999-2008), there has been an average of 12 people killed and 1,484 people injured in work zone-involved crashes each year.*
- *In 2008, seven people were killed and another 1,067 people were injured in more than 2,000 work zone-involved crashes.*
- *On average nearly 2,700 work zone-related crashes occur each year in Maryland.*
- *4 out of every 5 people killed or injured in work zone crashes are drivers or passengers*
- *Major contributing factors to work zone crashes are not paying attention, going too fast for conditions, failure to yield the right-of-way and following too close.*
- *Traveling at 65 mph, you will travel nearly 100 feet in just one second!*

Avoid distractions and pay attention! Expect the unexpected!

Obey speed limits. Work zones may have reduced speed limits, narrow lanes, and slow moving vehicles.

Orange is the standard color for construction activity.

Log onto www.roads.maryland.gov, then CHART, for active and planned lane closures.

At any time, there may be hundreds of active work zones around the State – particularly when you consider local public works and utility jobs. These may include large capital projects that require two or three years for completion, or smaller, moving work zones for litter pick-up and pothole repair.

Work zones can be identified by the presence of orange diamond-shaped signs that read “Road Work Ahead.” Oftentimes temporary work zones will be marked by the presence of a truck parked along the shoulder with yellow lights flashing.

Motorists also have an important role to play in reducing work zone-related crashes and saving lives. Remember that taking your eyes off the road for just a second can have disastrous results. Traveling at 65 mph, you will travel nearly 100 feet in just one second! Please stay alert and follow the posted speed limit. Speeding citation fines increase in work zones.

What can you expect in construction work zones?

Narrow lanes, jersey barrier, barrels, cones shifted lanes and lane markings, extra signs, slow moving trucks, reduced speed limited, stopped traffic, rough or uneven pavement, large cranes, metal plates... NOT ideal driving conditions and all the more reason to be on your most alert!