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Work Zone Safety

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.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS - 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 his or her directions.

STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS - Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid distractions including passenger conversations while driving in a work zone.

KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW - Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try barge in.

EXPECT DELAYS - Schedule enough time to drive safely. Check radio, TV, and websites for traffic information to ensure you reach your destination on time.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE - To ensure the safety of all present, maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers and their equipment.

BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM - Work zones aren't there to inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.