

# Stay safe in roadway work zones

Whether you're on the job or just driving through, help save lives in roadway work zones



## Give each other a break:

Drivers and passengers account for most fatalities in work zone crashes. Slow down, stay focused and give other road users plenty of space.



## Roadway workers:

- **Stay aware:** watch for nearby drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians
- **Dress for safety:** wear high-visibility protective clothing, a hard hat and steel-toed shoes
- **Stay behind barriers:** use warning signs and temporary traffic barriers to create a safe buffer between workers and traffic
- **Avoid reversing:** design work zones to reduce or eliminate the need for vehicles to back up

## Drivers:

- **Pay attention:** follow directions for changing lanes, stopping or merging
- **Slow down:** reduce your speed even more in heavy traffic or poor conditions
- **Watch:** for workers, equipment and aggressive drivers
- **Avoid distracted driving:** eight people a day, on average, die in distracted driving crashes

In an average year, more than 800 people are killed and more than 40,000 more are injured in work zone crashes.



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