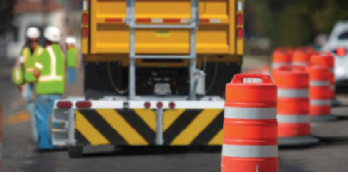


RESPECT THE ZONE



Work Zones are *temporary*.
Actions behind the wheel can last *forever*.



2025 National Work Zone Awareness Week

**Respect the Zone
So We All Get Home**

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Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is intended to help drivers make better choices when driving in highway work zones.

Follow these tips to ensure you navigate work zones as safely as possible.



Number one: slow down!

One of the most crucial contributors to safer work zones is the speed of your vehicle. Work areas have reduced speeds for a reason: to ensure that you are aware of signage, barricades, and potential hazards as you drive through. Driving at the posted speeds allows you to take in your surroundings better, making you less likely to miss those key indicators of an active work zone.

Number two: “It can wait”!

If you haven’t done it before you’ve left your parking spot, it can wait until you’ve reached your destination! This includes using electronic devices in any manner (a phone call, texting, changing the music, etc), eating or drinking, focusing on passengers, and more. If it’s truly urgent, it’s best to pull over in a safe area, away from busy traffic. If you’re in a work zone, you might have to wait until you’ve exited the area to pull over safely.

Number three: stay focused!

Connected to the prior concepts of “slowing down” and “waiting until you reach your destination to fiddle with the car controls or use your electronic device”, comes our third tip for helping keep work zones safer – staying focused while driving. When operating a motor vehicle, you have one job: drive the vehicle safely.

#JustDrive

Source: <https://www.nwzaw.org/>

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