

What if You Don't?

- In Ohio, fines are doubled in work zones during work hours, even if workers are not present.
- Max fine for speeding on a non work zone roadway is \$150 plus any court costs.
- Under new Ohio law, a hit and run at a construction site can result in one year in prison for injuring someone and five years for killing someone.
- A person commits “endangerment of a highway worker” when they:
 - Go 15 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit.
 - Disobey traffic control signs .
 - Drive in lanes not clearly designated for traffic.
 - Present any type of physical threat or assault towards a worker with a vehicle or other object.
- This offense can result in up to a \$1000 fine. If a worker is injured, it is “aggravated endangerment of a highway worker” and the max fine is \$5000. If a worker is killed, the max fine is up to \$10000. These are added on to any other penalties caused by other offenses.



Warning that roadwork is ahead.
Traffic is maintained.

Warning that lanes are closed.
Traffic is maintained.



Warning that road is closed.
Traffic to homes and businesses
between the sign and the
construction is allowed but no
through traffic.

Warning that road is closed.
There is no access.



Warning that road is closed.
Only construction vehicles are
allowed.



The route for vehicles to travel
around the construction.
This route is selected for the safety
of drivers, the neighborhood, and
the construction workers.

Work Zone Safety



Your Guide to a Safe Commute



What About It?

What Can You Do?

Facts

With roadways aging, there will be more and more construction occurring to rebuild and expand them to match the needs of the 21st century. When these are finished, there will be more that are in need of repair. This is the never ending cycle of roadway construction. This coupled with the growth of US travel is continuing to cause problems on the roadways. The cumulative travel has grown by 0.6% from 2009, which amounts to 16 billion vehicle miles of travel.

Night work is also becoming more common among roadway construction. According to the US Department of Transportation, 53 percent of work zones are designated as day work, 22 percent as night work, and 18 percent as all day construction (18 or more hours per day).

With the growth of construction, motorists should be aware of where these zones are and know how to commute safely through or around them.



▪ Don't Speed

Speeding in work zones is one of the most common causes of accidents. Obey posted speed limits.

▪ Pay Attention

Devote your undivided attention to the road. Work zones



can be unpredictable, but will have signs posted to warn drivers of any upcoming danger. Watch for any lane closings, directional signs, flaggers, workers and equipment in the work zone.

▪ Don't Tailgate

The majority of accidents in work zones are rear-end collisions. Watch your surroundings, including the work zone and other motorists.

▪ Be Patient

Time delays are often unavoidable. Staying calm and patient can help prevent accidents.



▪ Be Prepared

Be sure to check road conditions and delays before you leave. Make sure to schedule enough time to drive safely to your destination.

▪ In 2007, the fatality rate for US roadway systems was 1.37 deaths per 100 million miles of travel.

▪ There is one work zone injury every 13 minutes and one work zone fatality every 8.7 hours in the US.

▪ In 2008, there were 5,197 traffic accidents in Ohio

work zones. Of these, 15 motorists were killed and 1,780 more were injured.

▪ 85% of fatalities in work zones are motorists.

▪ In 2009, there were 667 fatalities nationally. This is down from 716 in 2008 and 831 in 2007.

(National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse Work Zone Fatalities)

