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"For Safety's Sake - Do Something"

Construction Zone Safety

On average, more than 700 people die in crashes that occur in construction and maintenance work zones. This includes more than 100 workers at these road construction sites.

When traveling through construction zones, remember...we're all in this together.

STAY CALM. Road construction is not there to personally inconvenience you but to improve the roads for everybody.

STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS, such as changing the radio station, using cell phone, or eating.

SLOW DOWN. Lights on. Pay attention to signs. Diamond shaped, orange warning signs are posted in advance of construction activities.

MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE between your vehicle and traffic barriers, construction equipment, and workers, and increase the braking distance to the car in front of you.

MERGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Traffic flow and posted speeds can be maintained if you don't create a bottleneck. Watch out for changing traffic patterns.

OBEY THE FLAGGER. They have same authority as signals and signs and you can also be cited for disobeying flaggers.

OBSERVE POSTED SIGNS. Wait until you see the sign that states that you have left the work area to increase speed.

BE AN INFORMED MOTORIST. Plan ahead and try an alternate route. Most highway agencies have web sites that alert to construction delays.

Do your part to make sure our workers come home safe every day!

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