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Construction Zone Driving

With the end of winter weather season, now starts the other Illinois season, Construction. All roadways, somewhere, have some type of construction zone work being done that will be affecting traffic. Construction work zones can be dangerous to all persons involved from construction workers to drivers. While the construction work results in better roadways, it can be quite dangerous for everyone unless drivers remember a few basic guidelines. Below are some tips to help ensure safe driving in work zones.

- **Follow the orange signs** – signs posted in work zones provide important information designed to protect both construction crews and motorists.
- **Be Alert** – not everyone is well versed in construction zone driving etiquette, so pay extra attention to your surroundings. Also there could be slowing or stopped traffic to allow construction vehicles (dump trucks, concrete trucks, etc.) entering and leaving the zone.
- **Avoid Distracted Driving** – Don't make or answer any phones while driving regardless if you are using hands-free technology. It is Illinois law.
- **Watch your speed** – Remember speeding fines can be double in work zones.
- **Remain Calm** – never allow speeding and impatient drivers to modify the way that you drive.
- **Plan Ahead** – when making travel plans, listen to traffic reports take time to research where construction zones will be and use an alternate route if possible.
- **Leave Yourself an OUT** – leave plenty of space between you and the vehicles around you. Remember it takes nearly twice the time to stop a semi-truck as it does to stop a car.



Questions:

- *True or False:* It's okay to drive 5 miles over the posted limit in a construction zone. _____
- *True or False:* It's okay to use your cell phone to call a friend if it is hands-free. _____
- *True or False:* When in a construction zone, it is best for all traffic to stay close to each other. _____