



RISK REMINDER

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5 Work Zone Safety Tips

When the Winter season is over, it's on to the next season, construction. Unfortunately, construction is unavoidable when you are behind the wheel, especially during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons.



- 1. Increase your following distance between your vehicle and other vehicles.** Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. With trucks entering and exiting construction zones, traffic may stop abruptly, and this will give you enough space to stop safely.
- 2. Watch your Speed!** Don't assume that workers aren't present. Make sure you obey speed limits to avoid accidents and fines are usually doubled.
- 3. Follow instructions from Flaggers and road signs.** Always obey instructions from Flaggers and assume that their instructions overrule any other traffic signs or signals. Always reduce your speed even more when around Flaggers, they have limited protection.
- 4. Merge Promptly at Lane Closures.** Do not wait until the lane ends to merge and force your way into the open lane. This is not only rude to other drivers, but it can also be very dangerous if you cut someone off and it turns into a road rage incident.
- 5. Minimize Your Distractions.** When you see you are approaching a construction zone, turn down your radio, end any cell phone calls (it's illegally to be on the phone in construction zones) and keep both hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.
- 6. Expect the unexpected** in work zones: slow down, increase their following distance and avoid distractions.

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. There is no need to stay 2 to 3 vehicle lengths behind the vehicle in front of you because your truck can stop in time.
2. Don't worry about minimizing your distractions because you can always stop in time if traffic suddenly comes to a halt.
3. Don't worry about speeding in a construction zone because the workers will always get out of the way of a truck.