

# WORK ZONE SAFETY



## HELP US SPREAD THE SAFETY MESSAGE!

Our Work Zone Safety volunteers and mascots will come to your school, business, community or event to remind all motorists to **Slow Down for Work Zones**.

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# 11 TIPS

## FOR TRAVELING SAFELY IN WORK ZONES

**BETWEEN 2020 AND 2023, THERE  
HAVE BEEN 2,990 CRASHES AND  
12 FATALITIES IN WORK ZONES ON  
CONNECTICUT STATE ROADS.**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN REDUCE  
CRASHES AND SAVE LIVES.**

Work zones can be dangerous for road crews as well as drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Driving hazards can appear suddenly and unexpectedly. Drivers may encounter changes in traffic patterns, closed or narrowed travel lanes, closed sidewalks and the presence of construction equipment and personnel. Slowing down and paying attention can reduce the crashes and fatalities that can occur.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, through the Work Zone Safety Committee, is working to reduce crashes in work zones to zero through a robust education campaign.

The campaign centers around the most effective way to improve work zone safety: **Obey the Orange** – adjust your driving behavior the moment you see the telltale orange signs, barrels, cones, safety vests and equipment ahead.

### **OBEY THE ORANGE — SLOW DOWN!**

Reduce your speed as soon as you see orange signs, cones or barrels up ahead. Typically, reduced speed limits will be posted, but slow down whether or not you see posted speed limits.

### **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

Changes can take place overnight on the routes you travel every day. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes and sidewalks may be closed, narrowed or shifted, and people may be working on or near the road.

### **STAY ALERT**

Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid distraction while approaching and driving/walking/biking in a work zone. Construction signs are there to help everyone move safely through the work zone.

### **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE**

Drive safely by keeping distance between you and the car ahead of you. Most rear-end accidents occur because of following too closely and traveling too fast for conditions.

### **OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT**

Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Traveling at 60 mph, if you see a sign that indicates a Work Zone is 1,500 feet ahead, you'll be there in 17 seconds!

### **KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW**

Account for human reaction time! At a safe distance, follow the flow of traffic and do not stop to stare at road work.

### **OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL**

The traffic control personnel know what is best for moving all road users safely through the work zone.

### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

Check radio, TV and websites for traffic information and schedule enough time so you can reach your destination on time and safely. Learn to expect delays.

### **BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM**

Work zones are not there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the crew members are working to improve the transportation system you use every day.

### **WEAR YOUR SEATBELT**

Your seatbelt is your best defense in a crash, and it's the law.

### **KNOW THE ZONE**

There are signs at the beginning AND end of work zones. Reduce your speed before you enter the zone and do not return to normal speeds until you see the End Work Zone signs.