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ways you can be  
**IN A WORK ZONE**  
and know how to  
**DRIVE SAFE**



- 1. EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.** In a work zone, normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed and people may be working on or near the road.
- 2. SLOW DOWN.** Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.
- 3. BE PREPARED TO STOP.** Slow moving vehicles and lane closures may require unplanned stops. Be aware and ready to stop your vehicle.
- 4. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.** Keep a safe distance between your vehicle, the construction workers and their equipment and the car ahead of you. The most common car crash in a highway work zone is a rear-end collision.
- 5. PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS.** The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that says you've left the work zone.
- 6. OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS.** The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can receive a ticket and fine for disobeying his or her directions.
- 7. STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS.** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving.
- 8. KEEP UP WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.** Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try to barge in.
- 9. EXPECT DELAYS.** Schedule enough time to drive safely and check radio, tv and Web sites for traffic information.
- 10. BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.** The work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.