













## WORK ZONE SAFETY FACT SHEET

### WORK ZONE SAFE DRIVING TIPS



Always buckle up.

-  Pay attention. *Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed and people and vehicles may be working near the road.*
-  Always slow to posted work zone speed limits.
-  Minimize distractions, such as cell phone use.
-  Keep consistent with traffic flow. *Make any necessary work zone merges in advance and do not weave in and out of traffic when not needed.*
-  Only make lane changes when necessary and use proper turn signals for lane changes.
-  Keep a safe distance from cars ahead, traffic barriers, construction equipment and workers.
-  Watch for and follow all warning, lane/ramp closure and construction detour signs.
-  Continue to pay attention to work zone signs, even in areas of long-term road work.
-  Remain calm. *Remember that work zones are not there to inconvenience you- they are necessary to improve the roadway.*
-  Plan ahead and give yourself time to reach your destination. *Simply dial '511' or log onto [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) for a listing of Nevada highway construction.*



## NDOT: SECURING WORK ZONE SAFETY

Protective barriers are placed in certain work zones to protect motorists, workers and equipment.



Warning signs, lane closure alerts and flaggers are put in place where appropriate to assist motorists in safely driving through work zones.



Potential detour routes, when available, are established and noted with signs.



Each worker is trained about proper safety and traffic control.



## ROAD WORK INFORMATION SOURCES

The Nevada Department of Transportation provides extensive road work information through their [WWW.NEVADADOT.COM](http://WWW.NEVADADOT.COM) Web site.

- A text description and map of state construction projects can be found by clicking ‘511 Travel Info.’
- Large work projects have their own informational Web site that can be found under ‘Major Projects.’
- Southern Nevada construction details and detours are posted under ‘Traveler Information.’
- Work zone driving safety tips are available under ‘Traveler Information.’



Motorists can dial ‘511’ from anywhere within Nevada to receive full freeway construction information.



## DID YOU KNOW? WORK ZONE FACTS

National work zone fatality numbers provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation point to the grim fact that work zone fatalities claim nearly three lives EVERY DAY in the U.S.:

### NATIONAL WORK ZONE FATALITY NUMBERS

- 2003 work zone fatalities: 1,028
- 2004 work zone fatalities: 1,068
- 2005 work zone fatalities: 1,074

### NEVADA WORK ZONE FATALITY NUMBERS

- 2003 work zone fatalities: 8
- 2004 work zone fatalities: 9
- 2005 work zone fatalities: 4

Note: 2003 and 2004 Nevada work zone fatality numbers collected prior to new data standards.



The last NDOT employee killed in a construction zone was Frank Fuentes, who was hit by a drunk driver in Las Vegas in 1995. In 2002, four NDOT workers were seriously injured when a vehicle crashed through a work zone on Interstate 80 near Elko. The vehicle’s driver died on impact.



More than 80% of people killed in work zones nationwide are passengers and drivers.



The most common crash in highway work zones is the rear end collision.



A car traveling at 60 miles per hour travels 88 feet per second. If you pass a “Road Work Ahead” sign at 60 miles per hour, you will reach that work zone in just 17 seconds.



Road work flaggers have the same authority as a regulatory traffic sign, and you can be cited for disobeying their directions.