

# 12 Tips for Driving in Work Zones

1. **EXPECT DELAYS.** Temporary traffic hindrances are often unavoidable in active work zones.
2. **AVOID PEAK TRAVEL TIMES.** More cars are on the road from 6-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Adjusting your travel schedule may help you avoid traffic congestion.
3. **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.** Signs and work zone flaggers save lives. Pay extra attention until you see a sign that says you've left the work zone.
4. **STAY ALERT.** Expect the unexpected. Anticipate lane shifts and merge as directed. Avoid using cell phones while driving in work zones. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway. Be especially alert while driving in work zones at night. Keep an eye out for tourists. Motorists who are unfamiliar with the area roads may have a more difficult time getting around – especially with construction.
5. **WATCH FOR WORKERS.** Drive with caution for your safety and theirs.
6. **DON'T SPEED.** Obey the posted speed limits – especially in work zones.
7. **AVOID "WEAVING."** Changing lanes unnecessarily in a work zone creates confusion and adds to risk.
8. **DON'T TAILGATE.** Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you.
9. **DON'T PASS ON THE SHOULDER.** This creates a very dangerous situation for you, construction workers, and other motorists – not to mention the steep fine.
10. **WEAR YOUR SEATBELT.** Be sure that all passengers in your car wear a seatbelt and that young children and infants are properly restrained.
11. **BE PATIENT.** Patience on your part will reduce frustration and help you make good decisions.
12. **ALWAYS DRIVE SAFELY.**

