

# Road Safety Starts With **Awareness,** Courtesy & Caution



## **In Work Zones** Navigate cautiously

- **Slow down, move over**  
most state laws require you to move over for emergency and hazard vehicles
- **Be vigilant**  
worker activity may encroach into driving lanes
- **Share the road**  
low speed construction vehicles may be entering and leaving driving lanes



## **With Larger Vehicles**

- **Avoid blind spots**  
follow tractor-trailers far enough back to see both outside mirrors
- **When passing a truck**  
cut back only when your rear view can see its front tires on the pavement
- **If it's signaling a right turn**  
stay behind it, away from the curbside, until the turn is completed
- **Remember**  
the larger the vehicle is and the faster it's going, the longer it takes to stop



## **With Bicyclists**

- **Be considerate**  
bicyclists usually have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles
- **Be generous**  
share the lanes and give cyclists room
- **Be patient**  
give them their space and pass with care
- **Be aware**  
use the far hand reach when exiting a parked vehicle



## **With Motorcyclists**

- **Be prepared**  
motorcycles can seem to appear out of nowhere
- **Drive defensively**  
scan the roadway for possible motorcycle hazards
- **Cooperate**  
use courtesy and obey the law
- **Anticipate**  
problems and follow at a safe distance behind a motorcycle



## **With School Buses** CAUTION: Kids on board

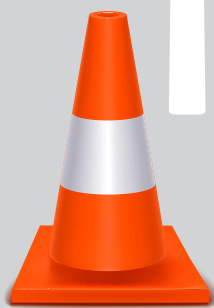
- Reduce your speed
- Expect children to appear out of nowhere
- Cover the brake
- If its amber lights are flashing, get ready to stop
- If its red lights are flashing and stop arm extended...STOP!



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# Stay safe in roadway work zones

Whether you're on the job or just driving through, help save lives in roadway work zones



## Roadway workers:

- **Stay aware:** watch for nearby drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians
- **Dress for safety:** wear high-visibility protective clothing, a hard hat and steel-toed shoes
- **Stay behind barriers:** use warning signs and temporary traffic barriers to create a safe buffer between workers and traffic
- **Avoid reversing:** design work zones to reduce or eliminate the need for vehicles to back up

## Drivers:

- **Pay attention:** follow directions for changing lanes, stopping or merging
- **Slow down:** reduce your speed even more in heavy traffic or poor conditions
- **Watch:** for workers, equipment and aggressive drivers
- **Avoid distracted driving:** eight people a day, on average, die in distracted driving crashes

## Give each other a break:

Drivers and passengers account for most fatalities in work zone crashes. Slow down, stay focused and give other road users plenty of space.

**In an average year, more than 800 people are killed and more than 40,000 more are injured in work zone crashes.**



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# Car Crashes are the #1 Cause of Workplace Death



## Start every drive with these simple steps:



Adjust your mirrors to limit your blind spots



Program your GPS and music before leaving for your destination



Adjust your seat to reach necessary knobs and switches



Take care of recalls and repairs as soon as they come up



Put away your phone and other distractions



Stock up your emergency kit and inspect it every few months



Set your phone to "Do Not Disturb" before shifting into drive



Get in the right head space to drive free of impairment, distraction and frustration



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