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Safety Tips for Driving in Work Zones

Work Zone Safety is everyone's responsibility - whether working in a work zone or just passing through one.

Distracted driving poses a significant safety hazard in work zones, increasing the risk of crashes for both drivers and workers. Work zones present unique challenges like lane closures, traffic shifts, and reduced speed limits, making it crucial to maintain focus on the road and surroundings.

Stay Alert and Focused:

Avoid distractions like cell phones, radio, and eating or drinking while driving in a work zone.

Slow Down:

Reduce speed when entering a work zone and follow any posted speed limits.

Pay Attention to Signs and Flaggers:

Be aware of all signage and flaggers directing traffic, as these may change frequently.

Merge Early:

When approaching lane closures, merge into the open lane as soon as possible.

Maintain Following Distance:

Keep a safe following distance, especially in work zones where sudden stops may be necessary.

Be Aware of Hazards:

Be prepared for unexpected situations, such as workers or equipment, and adjust your driving accordingly.

Turn on Headlights:

Increase visibility for yourself and others by turning on your headlights, especially in work zones with reduced lighting or adverse weather conditions.