



Work Zone Safety—Behind the Cones

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KYTC Statewide Safety Talk



National Work Zone Awareness Week is an initiative to increase roadway safety in and around work zones. Together, we can build a safety culture every day to prevent serious injuries and fatalities, regardless of where we work .

This crew safety talk is focused on the safety of our KYTC team in our work zones.

It's Dangerous Out There— 110-120 workers are killed in road work zones each year in the U.S.

- ▶ 45% - Struck by vehicles
- ▶ 29% - Driving or riding in a motor vehicle
- ▶ 8% - Struck by objects or equipment
- ▶ 2 % - Caught in / Between Objects or Equipment

We control most of the factors that cause work zone injuries. Making smart personal risk-tolerance decisions and making some basic but critical actions part of our culture will make a difference:

What Should Supervisors Do?

- ☒ Communicate to your team that SAFETY is the 1st priority every day— not deadlines, not convenience, not personalities.
- ☒ Ensure team has the training, competence, and equipment to do their job safely.
- ☒ Confirm that equipment and vehicles are safety-checked and maintained daily.
- ☒ Before the planned work do a careful pre-job hazard assessment of the planned work and location to develop an effective traffic and work plan. Consult Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) for job type to help with this.
- ☒ Conduct a thorough Job Safety Briefing prior to the work—everyone is on the same plan, knows hazards and controls to be used, and is clear on their role on the job.
- ☒ On the job site—stay engaged in the work but also the bigger picture—traffic, weather & other

What Should Team Members Do?

- ☒ Understand and remember—YOU and your attitude are the most important factor in your personal safety and effectiveness on the job.
- ☒ Take initiative to learn the correct, safe way to perform assigned job, know your tools and equipment capabilities and limitations.
- ☒ Safety check, repair, maintain equipment and vehicles as if your life depends on it.
- ☒ Participate in Job Safety Briefings—know the plan, hazards and your role.
- ☒ Ensure traffic control is setup & maintained to the MUTCD and KYTC policy.
- ☒ Have, maintain, actually use the PPE required—if you don't have it ask for it.
- ☒ On the job—have your “head in the game”, be aware of your surroundings, vehicles / equipment and co-workers at all times.

What should everyone do?

- ☒ Report Near-Miss incidents so we can learn and prevent them in the future.



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