Frames of Reference

Highway Helpline
Report unsafe work zones or road hazards
1-800-367-ROAD (7623) (TTY users: 711)
VirginiaDOT.org

Work Zones, Traffic and Travel Info
for interstates and major primary roads
511 or 1-800-578-4111
511Virginia.org

Virginia State Police
(804) 674-2000 or # 77 (cell phone)
vsp.state.va.us

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
1-866-DMVLINE (1-866-368-5463)
(TTY users: 1-800-272-9268)
dmvnow.com

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1-888-DASH 2 DOT (1-888-327-4236)
(TTY users: 1-800-242-9153 or 202-755-8919)
nhtsa.dot.gov

Drive Safely in Highway Work Zones

Virginia Department of Transportation

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Office of Public Affairs
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### What to do in a work zone, if you want to reach your destination safely…

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<th><strong>Recognize the signs –</strong> orange &amp; black mean work zones.</th>
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<td>Signs give you the direction you need to safely and legally navigate the work zone.</td>
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<th><strong>Slow down to allow more time to react.</strong></th>
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<td>Speeding in a work zone could cost you $500 in fines and points on your driving record. In addition, you might be inches from highway workers who are improving the road for your benefit.</td>
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<th><strong>Pay attention to everything around you when traveling through work zones.</strong></th>
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<td>Driver inattention is cited as a frequent cause of work zone incidents. Your 3,000 lb. vehicle is no match for a 25-ton dump truck.</td>
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| **Leave plenty of room between vehicles.**  
**Unexpected stops happen often in work zones.** | **Why?** |
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<td>Following too closely is a leading cause of work zone crashes. Space between your vehicle and those around it could mean the difference between having an accident and not.</td>
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| **Actions have consequences.**  
**Driving is a great responsibility.** | **Why?** |
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<td>Motorists are five times more likely to die in a work zone than a highway worker. You CAN make a difference in our lives and your own.</td>
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#### Top Five Motorist Offenses in Work Zones
- Following too closely
- Reckless driving
- Failure to maintain proper control of vehicle
- Failure to yield right of way
- Improper lane change

#### Why Should I Care?
*Teen drivers are four times more likely to die in crashes than are other drivers.*

#### Remember
*Orange and black signs mean you are in a work zone. Proceed with caution.*