

WORK ZONE SAFETY QUIZ

Answer True or False to each question.

1	Work zone speed limits are only in effect in construction areas where workers are present.
2	The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision.
3	Fines are doubled for moving traffic violations in work zones.
4	A majority of work zone fatalities involve the workers and not the motorists.
5	A "flagger" does not have the same authority as a regulatory sign.
6	It is not necessary to obey reduced speed limits in work zones.
7	Speeding is a major cause of work zone accidents.
8	Rear-end and same direction side-swipe crash types are predominant in work zones.

Answers: (1) False (2) True (3) True (4) False (5) False (6) False (7) True (8) True

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DRIVE SMART!
BUCKLE UP, SLOW DOWN, SAVE A LIFE

THE 12 MONTHS OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

The 12 Months of Traffic Safety is a campaign to increase public awareness of traffic safety issues. Different traffic safety issues will be highlighted each month of the year. Campaign issues include:

Aggressive Driving

Bus and Train Safety

Child Passenger Safety

Drive Safely in Inclement Weather

Driver Inattention

Drowsy Driving

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DRIVE SAFELY THROUGH WORK ZONES!



FINES DOUBLED IN WORK ZONES

SLOW DOWN OR PAY UP!!!

WHAT IS A WORK-ZONE?

A work zone is an area of a roadway with construction, maintenance, utility work or incident management activities. A work zone is typically marked by signs, cones, drums, barriers, pavement markings and/or work vehicles. It extends from the first warning sign to the **END ROAD WORK** sign. Speed limits are often reduced in work zones to accommodate lane shifts and protect workers.

THE WORK-ZONE SAFETY PROBLEM

With nearly a 40% increase in work zone fatalities between 1997 and 2005, work zone safety is a growing roadway safety concern. Four out of every five work zone fatalities were motorists.

Each year nearly 6,000 crashes occur in New Jersey when road construction or workers are present. Approximately 1,500 of these work zone crashes result in injury. A majority of work-zone crashes are rear end or same direction sideswipe collisions, which can be attributed to following too closely behind the car in front of you, improper lane changes or poor lane merges.

NJ WORK-ZONE INFORMATION

Schedule enough time to drive safely. Check radio, television and Websites for traffic information. For work zone information within New Jersey online, visit: <http://www.NJCommuter.com>

REMEMBER...

We are all responsible for driving, walking and biking safely through work zones.

**ALWAYS BE ALERT &
OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS!**

WHAT DO THE SIGNS MEAN?



Roadwork is just ahead. Be prepared for unusual driving conditions. Motorists should anticipate braking. Be alert and drive carefully.



Traffic is traveling in both directions on a roadway that is normally one way. Be alert for oncoming traffic.



A lane is about to end, requiring you to merge into the adjacent lane. The "bent" lane shows which lane is ending.



A flagger is ahead – be prepared to stop and/or follow instructions.



You will need to take an alternate route.



You have reached the end of the work zone. Resume normal, safe driving.

**GET THE PICTURE,
LISTEN TO THE SIGNS!**

SAFETY TIPS TO LIVE BY

Remember these driving tips to avoid a "sudden change in plans" and perhaps save a life – It could be your own!

STAY ALERT

Dedicate your full attention to the roadways.

MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

Avoid changing radio stations, using mobile phones, eating and other distractions that can remove your concentration from the road.

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION

Listen to the signs. Watch brake lights on vehicles ahead. Watch traffic around you and be prepared to react.

DON'T TAILGATE

The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision.

SLOW DOWN!

Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Fines are doubled for moving traffic violations in work zones.

CHANGE LANES SAFELY

Change lanes only where pavement markings indicate, and only when traffic conditions permit.

FOLLOW FLAGGER INSTRUCTIONS

A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign so you can be fined for disobeying directions.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.

EXPECT DELAYS

Plan for them and leave early to reach your destination on time. Take an alternate route if possible.

BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM

Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember: The goal of the work zone crew is to improve the road and your future drive.

**DO YOUR PART BY FOLLOWING
THESE TIPS! SHARE THEM WITH
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**