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GET PROACTIVE ABOUT WORK ZONE SAFETY

More than 37,000 injuries were reported as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones nationwide in 2017. Fortunately, most crashes in construction zones are preventable if you follow the tips below.

- » **Be Alert** — Dedicate your full attention to the road and your surroundings in the work zone.
- » **Adjust Your Speed** — Speeding accounted for more than 26% of all traffic fatalities in 2017.
- » **Don't Tailgate** — Rear-end collisions are the most common type of work zone crashes.
- » **Expect the Unexpected** — Be aware of workers and their equipment.
- » **Minimize Distractions** — Avoid changing the radio, eating, or touching electronics.

Sources:

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Federal Highway Administration

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?



A lane will shift slightly toward the left or right of the roadway, but the route is otherwise unchanged.



There's road work ahead. Be on the lookout for unusual driving conditions.



A construction flagger is ahead. Be prepared to stop and follow instructions.



Motorists will need to take an alternate route.



A lane will soon end, requiring its motorists to merge into the adjacent lane.



The end of the work zone has been reached. Resume regular safe driving habits.

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EYES BEFORE ELECTRONICS — FLORIDA WORK ZONES ARE HANDS-FREE ZONES

Effective October 1, you cannot hold a wireless device in your hands if you are in a school zone or an active work zone with workers present. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) will allow you to use Bluetooth or a hands-free device as an alternative.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,166 people were killed by distracted driving in 2017.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS A PRIMARY OFFENSE IN FLORIDA

As of July 1, 2019, texting, emailing and instant messaging while driving is now a primary offense in Florida. Motorists may be stopped and cited by a law enforcement officer for texting and driving.

FLHSMV, along with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), statewide law enforcement, and other highway safety partners, will be conducting a statewide campaign, called Put It Down: Focus on Driving, to raise awareness of and encourage compliance with the Wireless Communications While Driving Law. You can follow the campaign on social media with the hashtags #PutItDown and #FocusOnDrivingFL.

Driving distracted can not only hurt you and your passengers, but it also puts everyone on the road in danger. Remember to drive alert and avoid distractions while driving.

Visit flhsmv.gov/focusondriving for additional resources and information.



Focus on driving.



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