



**Statistics show that the most dangerous thing your employees do all day is get in a motor vehicle and drive.**

Navigating a construction work zone makes driving much harder, with risks to drivers and construction workers. Just check out the surprising stats below:

- During the past 5 years in work zone crashes more than:
  - 4,400 persons died (85% of which was the driver or passenger)
  - 200,000 persons were injured
- Drivers are the most frequent fatality in work zone crashes
- Most work zone fatalities involve working-age adults
- Rear-end crashes (running into the rear of a slowing or stopping vehicle) are the most common type of work zone crash
- Fatal work zone crashes occur most often in summer and fall
- The majority of fatal work zone crashes occurred on roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph

To ensure drivers' safety, be sure to keep in mind the following safety guidance:

- Stopping distance for motor vehicles at 50 mph:
  - Dry roadway ~300 ft.
  - Wet roadway ~400 ft.
  - Icy pavement ~1,250 ft.
- A loaded 80,000 lb. tractor-trailer requires almost 50% more stopping distance
- It takes only an extra 25 seconds to cover 1 mile at 45 mph compared to 65 mph

Visit the following website for a wealth of information and products about this important workplace safety issue: <https://www.workzonesafety.org/meetings-and-events/wz-awareness-week/>

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