

Construction Zone Key Messages

1) During the spring and summer months, construction season is in full swing in Minnesota and motorists risk their lives and the lives of others by not slowing down and paying attention.

- In the last six years (2013 – 2018 (preliminary)), 52 people have died and more than 4,800 people injured in work zone traffic crashes.
- In 2018 (preliminary), 9 people died in work zone traffic crashes and 534 people were injured.

2) Spring/Summer brings construction season.

- When driving in a construction zone, slow down! Fines can double if ticketed in a work zone.
- Put the distractions away.
 - Distracted driving is a leading factor in crashes in Minnesota and a driver needs to focus 100 percent of their attention on the road in work zones and non-work zone areas.
- Move over for construction workers. While it's not the law, moving over will provide safety for not only the workers but the motorists as well.
- Check out 511mn.org for road closures, detours and traffic incidents.

3) Drive to Survive

- We are all responsible for our own driving and can play a part in keeping each other safe.
 - Drive the speed limit and slow down in construction zones.
 - Wear your seat belt at all times in every seat.
 - Even perfect drivers can be hit by other motorists who make mistakes.
 - Put the distractions away and just drive.
 - Extra distracted driving enforcement begins April 8 on Minnesota roads and runs through April 30.
 - Friends don't let friends drink and drive.
 - Line up a sober ride every time every time you decide to consume alcohol.