

National Work Zone Awareness Week 2021 - April 26-30. Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives.

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) has been successful in spreading awareness for work zone safety across the country because of participation from organizations and individuals just like you. Hundreds of companies and individuals reach out to ATSSA on social media each year using #NWZAW.

Everyone plays a role in work zone safety. NWZAW highlights the deadly dangers of inattention at highway work areas. **Wear orange on Wednesday (April 28) to provide a visible reminder and to show your support for the families who have lost loved ones in work zone crashes.**

In 2019, the most recent year for which statistics were available, there were 762 fatal crashes in work zones resulting in 842 deaths. In addition, 135 roadway workers were killed in work zones in 2019, according to the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse. The vast majority of people killed were motorists, passengers and pedestrians. Additionally, there were a total of 123,000 work zone crashes in 2018—of which 31,000 were injury-involved crashes that resulted in 45,000 injuries, according to national estimates provided by the Clearinghouse. And on average, in 2015:

- A work zone crash occurred once every 5.4 minutes.
- Every day, 70 work zone crashes occurred that resulted in at least one injury.
- Every week, 12 work zone crashes occurred that resulted in at least one fatality

Action Items:

Safety in Work Zones—how to drive safe, work safe, and save lives. To protect field workers and all road users, follow these tips for traveling safely through work zones.

- **Know Before You Go.** Before heading out, check for the latest traffic conditions along your route. With information on active work zones, you can change your trip, possibly avoiding work zones altogether.
- **Stay Alert and Obey the Roadway.** Be aware of all activity occurring around you, including paying attention to other drivers and road users. Work zones change daily; pay attention so you can anticipate new traffic patterns. Remember, signs, cones, barrels, and flaggers are there to help maneuver you safely through the work zone.
- **Watch for Workers.** In 2019, 135 workers were killed in highway work zones.
- **Watch for Sudden Stops.** Work zone activity often leads to congestion, delays, and traffic queues. Be alert and watch for sudden stops. In 2019, nearly one quarter of all fatal work zone crashes involved rear-end collisions.
- **Slow Down.** Speeding can lead to crashes with other vehicles and with field workers. Make sure to obey posted work zone speed limits and keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.
- **Use Caution Around Large Vehicles.** Large vehicles have a slower reaction time, so refrain from making sudden lane changes in front of trucks or buses that are trying to slow down.
- **Keep Everyone Safe.** Be respectful of workers, fellow drivers, and all road users. We need everyone to work together to ensure we all stay safe.

[National Work Zone Awareness Week - FHWA Work Zone \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.gov/workzone)



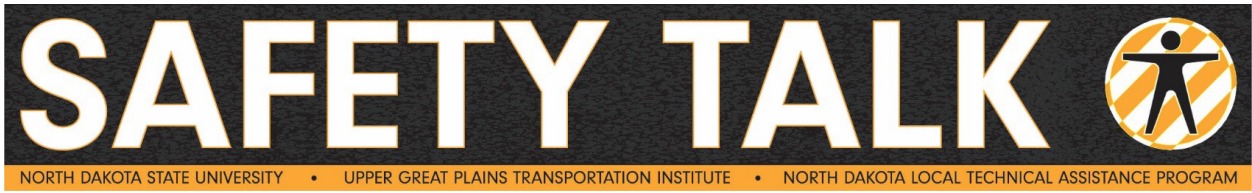
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