## **Environmental Health and Safety**



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# **Road Work**

There are many potential hazards associated with road work zones. These hazards can be avoided with proper preparation on behalf of both construction workers and drivers. The following tips will help you learn how to stay safe in road work zones.

#### **Safety Tips for Drivers**

- Slow down when you approach a work zone.
- Pay full attention to your surroundings and avoid distraction from your cell phone, radio, etc.
- Merge into the proper lane before you reach the lane closure.
- Leave a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
- Read to the signs!



#### Safety Tips for Construction Workers

- Have a safety meeting before you start work each day.
- All construction workers must wear the proper personal safety equipment: hard hats, high-visibility clothing, etc.
- Work zones must have warning signs to prepare drivers for upcoming traffic changes.
- Work zones must have proper traffic control devices such as signs, cones, barriers, etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid walking behind vehicles or facing away from traffic.

#### Resources

Driver Safety

Work Zone Tips

Construction Worker Safety

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### Don't learn safety by accident