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Some work zones—like line painting, road patching and mowing—are mobile, moving down the road as the work is finished.

Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs doesn't mean they're not out there.

Observe the posted signs until you see the one that states you've left the work zone.

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Work Zones

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Roadwork zones are not only dangerous to drive in, but they're dangerous to work in. That is why speeding ticket fines are doubled in work zones, even when the workers or work vehicles are not there.

Here are some tips about driving in a work zone:

Slow Down when approaching all work zones. You will be in the work zone quicker than you think. If a sign warns: "Road Work, 1,500 feet," that means your car, traveling at 60 mph, will get there in just 17 seconds.

Follow Posted Speed Limits, especially within construction zones, and try to maintain a consistent speed with the traffic flow. Adjust your speed for weather conditions.

Don't Resume Normal Speed

until you see roadway signs indicating it's safe to do so.

Leave Room. Leave adequate braking room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you. Count out at least two seconds from the time the car ahead of you passes an object and the time your own car passes that object. Also, keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.

Don't Pass on the Shoulder.

Don't drive across the median. This creates a very dangerous situation for you, construction workers and other motorists-not to mention the steep fine.

Leave Yourself an Out. When stopped in traffic, leave a safety zone between

you and the vehicle in front of you. A good rule of thumb is that when stopped in traffic you should be able to see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you.

Watch Out for Tailgaters.

Rear-end collisions are the most common crashes in a work zone. Do not force tailgaters to back off by slamming on your brakes or reducing your speed significantly. This practice can lead to road rage and increases the chances of a collision. When possible, pull over and let them pass.

Keep Your Cool.

Calm down and don't rush. Remember, the temporary inconvenience of a construction zone will pay off with greatly improved roads soon.