

Be mindful when driving through work zones

Work zones are among the most dangerous places on the road. According to the Indiana Department of Transportation, 269 people have died in work zone crashes in the past 10 years. In 2023 alone, 33 people were killed and more than 1,750 were injured in INDOT work zones.

Work zones don't only involve highway construction. They also include utility crews who work along the roadside to build, maintain, and repair electric infrastructure. Crews may be working around the next bend, over a hill, or during overnight hours.

DRIVERS SHOULD FOLLOW THESE TIPS FOR DRIVING THROUGH WORK ZONES TO KEEP LINEWORKERS AND THEMSELVES SAFE.

Watch for orange work zone signs, flaggers, and vehicles with flashing lights.

Slow down and be prepared for sudden stops.

Never stop in the roadway. This can trigger rear-end collisions.

Indiana's "move over" law requires drivers to change lanes when approaching emergency vehicles stopped along the roadway if it is safe. If not, drivers must reduce speed and proceed with caution. While the law specifically applies to emergency vehicles, motorists should extend the same courtesy to all roadside workers.

The time saved by speeding is minimal — traveling two miles at 65 mph instead of 45 mph only saves **ONE MINUTE.**

Violations carry **STEEP PENALTIES.**

