

Safety Bulletin

Test Your Work Zone Safety Knowledge

The orange signs appear. Traffic narrows to one lane. You're in a work zone. As road construction projects increase nationwide, it's time to test your work zone safety knowledge. Take this quick 8-question quiz:

1. What are the most common types of work zone crashes?

- a. A vehicle running into your slowing or stopped truck
- b. A truck running into the rear of a slowing or stopped vehicle
- c. A vehicle hitting a safety barrier
- d. A multi-vehicle pileup

Answer: B – Rear-end crashes (a large truck running into a slowing or stopped vehicle) are the most common.

2. What percent of work zone crashes involve large trucks?

- a. 20%
- b. 25%
- c. 30%
- d. 35%

Answer: C – 30% of all work zone crashes involve large trucks.

3. In work zones, obeying the speed limit is important because fines for moving violations:

- a. May double
- b. May triple
- c. Stay the same as normal
- d. Are lower

Answer: A – Fines may be doubled in work zones.

4. Work zones require you to stay alert and limit distractions. Examples of distractions include:

- a. Changing the radio station
- b. Texting
- c. Eating
- d. All of the above

Answer: D – All of these are distractions and should be avoided in work zones.

5. Fatal work zone crashes most often occur in:

- a. Winter and fall
- b. Fall and spring
- c. Summer and fall
- d. Summer and spring

Answer: C – Fatal work zone crashes occur most often in summer and fall.

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6. True or false: You drive through the same work zone every day, so it will never change.

Answer: False. Work zone traffic patterns can change daily, even on the same stretch of road.

7. You see a sign that says, “Right lane closed ahead.” You should begin to merge left:

- a. As soon as it’s safe
- b. Once you see the next “Right lane closed ahead” sign
- c. Halfway to the construction zone
- d. At the last possible minute

Answer: A – Merge well before you reach lane closure.

8. When traveling at 55 mph, the stopping distance for a large truck is:

- a. The same as for a car
- b. 20% greater than that needed for a car
- c. 36% greater than that needed for a car
- d. Almost 50% greater than that needed for a car

Answer: D – Large trucks need almost twice the stopping distance as a car on dry roads.

Now that you know the answers, keep yourself safe in work zones this year.

