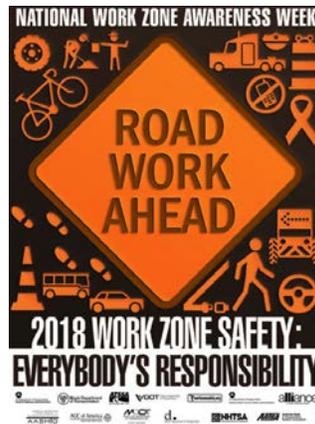


19th Annual National Work Zone Awareness Week
“Work Zone Safety: Everybody’s Responsibility”
April 9-13, 2018

National Work Zone Awareness Week began in 1999 when the Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA), the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) signed a Memorandum of Agreement pledging to increase public awareness of work zone safety issues through a national media campaign.

The Sheboygan County Transportation Department recognizes National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week each year and supports efforts nationally and statewide to make our work zones safer places for our employees and travelers. The national theme of Work Zone Safety Awareness Week this year is “Work Zone Safety: Everybody’s Responsibility.” The following is the national poster being used to remind motorists and others to be aware of work zones and the people working in them each and every day.



In addition, the State of Wisconsin has a “Move over Law” which requires motorists to move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles. That includes all vehicles working within the highway right of way but especially law enforcement and highway maintenance vehicles.



Work Zones can present an unfamiliar situation to drivers. Traffic patterns often change, lanes are sometimes closed and the presence of equipment and personnel can cause challenges to motorists as they travel. Careful attention should always be paid while driving but especially in and around work zones. Safe and efficient work zones begin with proper planning and design. Drivers must always be attentive to changing conditions and use caution when traveling through work zones. Remember - “Fines Double in Work Zones”.

2017 Work Zone Statistics:

More than 2,700 crashes in Wisconsin road construction and maintenance zones
The crashes in 2017 caused 1,067 injuries and six deaths (preliminary figures).
Well over 2,000 work zone crashes in each of the last three years
Between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones.

DID YOU KNOW...

Even at the reduced speed of 55 mph, you are still covering the length of a football field in less than four seconds while driving through a work zone.

With narrow, shifting lanes, work zones can present a challenge to all drivers under any circumstances. This is why it is so important to limit distractions.

Inattentive driving was listed as the cause of crashes killing 17 between 2012 and 2017.

Wisconsin gained an additional tool to help protect drivers and workers last year. Starting in October 2016, it became illegal to talk on a hand held cell phone while driving through a work zone. Fines start at \$40, plus costs. "See Orange Cones? Please Put Down the Phones."

Work zones aren't limited to major construction. They also include maintenance, emergency vehicle stops, utility work and even garbage pickup. Being able to identify a work zone is important for drivers to stay safe.

We ask that drivers expect the unexpected and stay alert at all times.

How can people help?

Most importantly, drive safely, avoiding distractions and obeying posted speed limits. Be courteous and patient. Set a good example for others on the road.

Advocate for safe driving. Show support for work zone safety by using social media hashtags - #NWZAW, #WorkZoneSafety, or #OrangeForSafety

Participate in "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 11, by wearing orange in support of safety. (#OrangeForSafety)