



The North Carolina Department of Transportation

## Work Zone Safety Program

### National Work Zone Safety Fact Sheet

- Nationwide, more than 40,000 people are injured each year as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones.
- In 2007, 835 people died in work zone crashes. Of these fatalities, 85% were motorists.
- Every 13 minutes, someone in the United States is injured in a work zone crash.
- Every ten hours, someone in the United States is killed in a work zone.
- An estimated 23% of fatal work zone crashes in 2006 involved large trucks.
- In 2006, approximately half of all fatal work zone crashes occurred during the day.
- In 2006, more than twice as many work zone crashes occurred on weekdays as on weekends.
- On average nationally, fatal work zone crashes occur most often during the summer and fall months.
- One in three work zone crashes nationwide is a rear-end collision.
- On average nationally, more than 40% of work zone crashes occur in the transition zone before the work area.
- It is estimated that more than 20% of the National Highway System is under construction during peak construction season, which includes more than 3,000 work zones.
- Nationwide, an estimated 12 billion vehicle miles of travel each year will be through active work zones.
- On average nationally, motorists can expect to encounter a roadway work zone one out of every 100 miles traveled on the National Highway System.