DRIVING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES

Construction zones frequently include changes in traffic patterns and slower traffic with workers and heavy equipment present. Rear-end collisions are the most common type of accidents in construction zones.

When approaching or DRIVING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES, focus completely on driving, which means do not talk to passengers and do not change radio stations or onboard navigation systems. Safe driving practices include:

- obeying posted speed limits and other signs
- maintaining a safe distance
- watching for brake lights
- merging well before a lane closure
- allowing others to merge
- watching the traffic around you
- watching for workers or equipment entering the road
- being patient

Keep in mind that workers can be only a few feet away from the roadway and not paying attention. Many states now double traffic fines in construction zones, and it may be prohibited to use phones or communication devices in construction zones.

BE PREPARED. Driving conditions in construction zones can change rapidly, so dedicate your full attention to the road. Keep in mind there may be people, vehicles, and equipment in the roadway at any time.