# Road Work Safety Stats and Facts



## FACTS

Construction, maintenance, utilities workers, landscaping, emergency workers, and all other occupations who may conduct activities on or along the road are exposed to hazards such as:

1. Speeding.
2. Driving under the influence of alcohol and other psychoactive substances.
3. Non-use of motorcycle helmets, seatbelts, and child restraints
4. Distracted driving.
5. Unsafe road infrastructure.
6. Unsafe vehicles.
7. Inadequate post-crash care.
8. Inadequate law enforcement of traffic laws.

## STATS

**Work Zone Accident Statistics**

- 43 % of work zone crashes resulted in fatality or injury.
- There was a total of 1,778 work zone crashes, with 19 fatalities and 1,106 injuries.
- 3 of the 19 fatalities were work zone employees.
- 1,345 crashes occurred on a state highway, 312, on the turnpike, and 151 on a local road.
- Most work zone accidents were committed by passenger cars (49 percent) and SUVs (42 %).
- Car accidents involving dangerous pavement-edge drop-offs kill approximately 160 people and injure 11,000 every year.
- Crashes in highway work zones have killed at least 4,700 Americans – more than two a day – and injured 200,000 in the last five years alone.
- About 85% of people killed in work zones are motorists, not workers.
- There are more than 40,000 injuries in work zones each year.
- Approximately one work zone fatality occurs every 10 hours (2.3 a day).
- Approximately one work zone injury occurs every 13 minutes (110 a day).