

WORK ZONE AWARENESS

Drive safe. Work safe. Save lives.

From 2015 to 2019 in Illinois

on average, each year there were:

6,406 work zone crashes and
1,735 people injured as a result.



Workers are not the only ones injured or killed by work zone crashes.

Of the **159**
work zone fatalities in
Illinois from 2016 to 2020...



6 were worker
fatalities. The rest were
road users.

Heavy Vehicles

Look for heavy vehicles entering and leaving work zones. They need more time to slow down and speed up.



In **2020**, nearly **33%** of fatal work zone crashes involved a heavy vehicle.

- Crashes are not always the heavy vehicles fault.
- Rear ending one is as deadly as being rear ended by one.

Safety Tips



- Drop it and drive.
- Slow down and obey speed limits.
- If possible, move over for workers.
- Pay attention. Conditions can change quickly.
- Give heavy vehicles room to adjust to conditions.
- **Remember:** Traffic backups can occur at any time.



Merging Safely

If lanes are reduced due to road work and

the road is **not heavily congested**, merge early into the open lane.



there is **heavy congestion or slow traffic**, use either lane up to the reduction, then take turns merging.

