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WORK ZONE SAFETY

A work zone is an area of a highway, street, or road where construction, maintenance, or utility work is taking place. If you are a construction worker engaged in roadway work, highway maintenance, or pavement striping, you should be well aware of the potential hazards involved in and around work zones. As a motorist, when you drive through a work zone, give construction workers the same consideration you would want them to give you.

If you know you'll be working in or near a work zone, be sure you follow your employer's personal protective equipment requirements as well as the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Always try to put a physical barrier between yourself and the motoring public. Never stand in an open traffic lane. Plan a quick escape route for emergencies. Wear high-visibility clothing and headgear such as a vest, shirt, jacket, or hat to make yourself visible to oncoming traffic. Be on the lookout for danger at all times and check your surroundings often. Remember it takes over 300 feet for a car traveling at 70 miles per hour on a dry road to come to a complete stop, and 75 feet for a car traveling at 30 miles per hour.

Anytime you drive through a construction zone, you must drive defensively. Pay attention to the orange signs; they indicate work zones. Stay alert and give your full attention to the road and your driving. Don't make or receive phone calls. Turn on your headlights so workers and other drivers can see you. Be patient and don't tailgate. Always expect the unexpected. Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment. Slow down to the posted speed limits. Obey all signs as well as directions given by work zone flaggers. Remember that work zones are a necessary inconvenience to improve roads and make them safer. Keep in mind that stopping distances increase when you drive on wet or slippery roads. Adjust your speed according to changing road conditions.

Additional work zone safety information can be found on websites for the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), individual State Departments of Transportation (DOT), and local highway agencies. Remember that one second of distraction when you're working or driving near a work zone could prove deadly. Protect yourself from becoming a victim of an accident or causing serious injuries to workers—think about work zone safety.

SAFETY REMINDER

The Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program color code for April, May, and June is green. If you use this program, test and color code all electrical cords and power tools.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

S.A.F.E. Cards® planned for this week _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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