

National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 15-19, 2024



U.S. 54 bridge in Wichita

National Work Zone Awareness Week highlights the importance of safety in work zones.

Orange is the main safety color in work zones, and Go Orange Day in Kansas is Wednesday, April 17. Wear orange and show highway workers and everyone who works along the roadways how much their efforts are appreciated.

A FEW KANSAS WORK ZONE FACTS

- **About 90% of the time**, the people injured in work zone crashes are motorists. In 2023 in Kansas, nine people died in work zone crashes and 508 people were injured.
- **Double fines in all Kansas work zones**, whether in major construction projects or short-term maintenance projects. If you don't slow down, you will pay up.
- **The top contributing circumstance of work zone crashes is inattention.** Others include following too closely, driving too fast for conditions, improperly changing lanes and violating the right of way.
- **There was an average of four work zone crashes every day in Kansas in 2023** (1,482 crashes). The good news – about 75% of the crashes were property damage only. The bad news - every crash has the possibility of affecting lives forever.
- **Speeding up to 65 mph from 55 mph** will only save you a minute on a 6-mile trip.
- **The Kansas Move Over Law** requires motorists on four-lane highways to switch to the lane farthest from any stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights, if it is safe to do so. Citations are a \$195 fine plus court costs.

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Tips to follow in work zones -

- ◆ Follow traffic control and expect delays.
- ◆ Pay attention/be alert, watch for workers.
- ◆ Allow ample space between vehicles.
- ◆ Change lanes when directed to do so.