

Work Zone Safety Fact Sheet

- Since 1973, there have been 57 Georgia DOT employees killed in work zones.
- One work zone fatality occurs every 8.2 hours nationwide. That's three a day!
- One work zone injury occurs every nine minutes nationally. That's a whopping 160 a day!
- Crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages three to 34 and costs society \$7,300 per second.
- Three out of four (75%) work zone fatalities are not part of the work crew – they are your family members, your co-workers, your friends – motorists and passengers like you and me.
- In 2005, Americans traveled almost three billion vehicle miles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 42,642 people were killed in motor vehicle accidents in 2006.
- Passenger vehicle occupants killed in rollover crashes increased by 2.1 percent in 2006. It increased for vans and pickup trucks and declined slightly for SUVs.
- An estimated 11,000 Americans suffer injuries and 160 die each year in crashes related to unsafe pavement edges, at a cost of \$1.2 billion.
- More than 40,000 people are injured each year as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones.
- In 2005, Georgia lost 61 people in work zone accidents.
- For hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees, the heavily traveled roadways and work zones are their offices.
- A person convicted of exceeding the speed limit in a work zone can be fined between \$100 and \$2,000, or up to 12 months in jail, or both (OCGA 40-6-188)