WORK ZONE AWARENESS

Work zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever.

From 2018 to 2022 in Illinois

on average, each year there were:



6,286 1,610

work zone crashes and

people injured as a result.

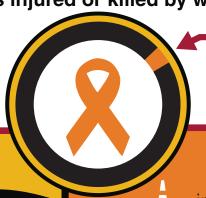
Workers are not the only ones injured or killed by work zone crashes.



Of the **148** work zone fatalities in Illinois from 2019 to 2023...

vv Vehicles

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



were worker fatalities. The rest were road users.



In 2023, nearly 52.2% of fatal work zone crashes involved a heavy vehicle.



- O Crashes are not always the heavy vehicle's fault.
- O Rear ending one is as deadly as being rear ended by one.

Safety Tips





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

Merging Safely

▶ If lanes are reduced due to road work and

- O the road is <u>not heavily congested</u>, merge early into the open lane.
- O there is <u>heavy congestion or slow</u> <u>traffic</u>, use either lane up to the reduction, then take turns merging.





