

Work zone safety tips



Expect

changes:

Speed limits may be reduced, lanes may shift and workers or equipment may appear unexpectedly.



Minimize distractions:

Work zones are narrower and busier, requiring extra focus. Michigan law prohibits using mobile devices while driving.



Obey signs and workers:

Follow all instructions for merging, slowing down or stopping.



Reduce speed:

Slow down and keep a safe distance from others.



Stay alert:

Be ready for sudden stops or lane changes; watch for brake lights.



Be patient:

Work zones pave the way for better roads. Stay calm and cooperative.



Know before you go:

Check Michigan.gov/Drive for road construction updates before heading out.



Tough work zone laws could cost you!

Michigan is serious about the safety of workers and motorists, so slow down and give work zones your full attention!

Penalties

Doubled fines:

Speeding in work zones will cost you twice as much.

Increased points:

Speeding in work zones increases the points on your license and can lead to driver's license restrictions, suspension or revocation.

Higher insurance rates:

Points lead to higher insurance premiums due to increased crash risk.

Andy's Law

Penalties for injuring or killing anyone in a work zone:

Up to \$7,500 and 15 years in jail for motorists who injure or kill anyone in a road construction work zone.



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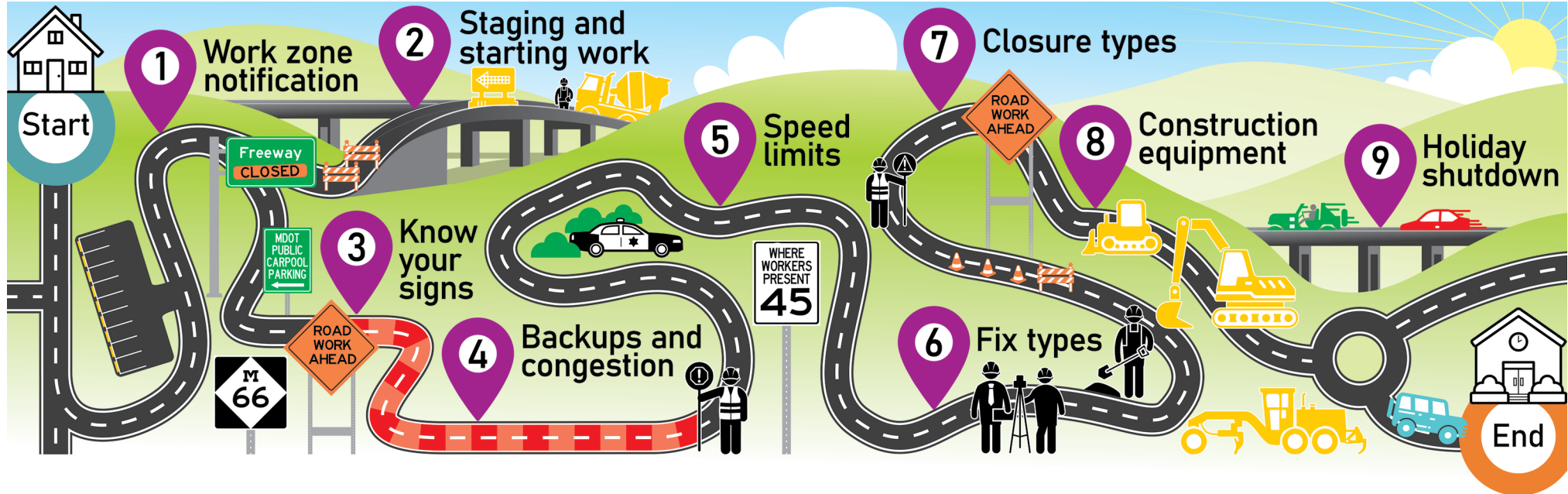
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Work Zones 101

Understanding work zones can save lives



Work zones are vital for building and maintaining Michigan's roads and bridges. Understanding their purpose is key to protecting workers and road users from injury and death.



1. Work zone notification

Know before you go! Check Mi Drive (www.Michigan.gov/Drive), MDOT's construction and traffic website, for information about current and future traffic impacts.

2. Staging and starting work

Lane closures without visible work may be required for safety meetings, material transport, weather delays, or concrete curing. Remember, construction may happen outside peak hours. Even if you don't see work during your drive, it often continues around the clock.

3. Know your signs

Understanding work zone signs helps drivers navigate and adjust to changing road conditions.

4. Backups and congestion

Work zones can lead to congestion, increasing risks for drivers and workers. Staying focused and slowing down helps prevent crashes.

5. Speed limits

Reduced speed limits in work zones allow for safer navigation of narrower lanes and changing conditions. Slowing down saves lives.

6. Fix types

Short-term repairs like pothole filling are quick and less costly, while complete road rebuilds take more time but offer longer-lasting results.

7. Closure types

Traffic plans in work zones balance space for construction with safety, using single-lane, multi-lane, nighttime, or total closures depending on project needs.

8. Construction equipment

Work zones use various equipment, including life-saving devices like truck-mounted impact attenuators that absorb collision energy to protect lives and reduce damage.

9. Holiday shutdown

MDOT lifts traffic restrictions during major holidays to reduce congestion, except when safety or equipment needs require ongoing work zone setups.