

Information on Work Zones



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Work Zones are a temporary inconvenience, but are necessary to develop improved and safer roads or for maintenance of facilities within the public right-of-way. Work Zones vary from shoulder work to complete road closures. Due to the inherent dangers of working next to moving traffic, State Law creates Double Penalties for certain moving infractions within the Work Zone.



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State Law requires that the area the Double Penalties are in effect to be marked indicating the beginning and the end of the area. The signs provide motorists the limits of the Double Penalties and remind motorist that Double Penalties exist in the Work Zone. Fines in Work Zones can be up to \$1000.

Do I have to slow down in a Work Zone?

Work Zones are designed to allow motorists to safely drive through the Work Zone at the normal posted speed limit. While it is not required to reduce your speed through a Work Zone, it is a good precautionary measure due to flagging operations and unfamiliarity of driving through the Work Zone.

Are the Double Penalties always in effect?

State Law does require Double Penalties to be in effect if workers are present within the Work Zone or conditions exist such as lane reductions, lane narrowing, lane shifting and uneven roadway surfaces. Double Penalties are not required on residential streets posted at 25 miles per hour.

Why do some speed limit signs have WORK ZONE above them?

Sometimes due to physical restraints, a safe Work Zone cannot be implemented at the posted speed limit. In these special cases, the normal speed limit is reduced to a safe speed and will be marked with a WORK ZONE sign above the reduced speed limit. The WORK ZONE sign also reminds motorist that they are in a WORK ZONE and Double Penalties apply.



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