



# Road Construction Safety Tips



We are all aware that it is vital we exhibit additional caution while driving through construction zones. The nature of construction zones creates unique challenges to drivers, including increased congestion, poorly marked narrow lanes, frequent and sudden stops, merging traffic and workers who may step into your path.

Did you know that the most common reasons for accidents in road construction zones include:

- 1.) Misjudging following distance
- 2.) Driver inattention or fatigue
- 3.) Misjudging actions of other vehicles
- 4.) Aggressive or reckless attitude
- 6.) Impatience
- 7.) Failure to adjust and/or monitor speed
- 8.) Frequent lane changes
- 9.) Forgetting to watch for workers



While we may not be able to change the inherent risk of operating in a construction zone, following these simple tips may reduce your likelihood of being involved in a crash:

- 1.) Watch signs closely for instructions that will warn you in advance of merging traffic and narrow lanes or, once in the construction zone, will provide additional direction to help you through.
- 2.) Maintain a safe following distance (six-seconds minimum to avoid rear-end collisions) and watch for changing speeds before, during and after a construction zone.
- 3.) Notice the road conditions and be on the look-out for blowing dust and dirt that could impair your visibility. It should be noted that fine dirt can have the same effect on your ability to stop quickly as snow and ice. Add weather elements such as rain to the mix and braking is impacted even more. Make certain you are adjusting your speed and following distance accordingly.
- 4.) Be watchful of the unexpected, including cars making quick lane changes and sudden stops in front of you or speeding off after the construction zone ends.



Being mindful of the dangers of operating in a construction zone and remembering the tips above can help to reduce the likelihood of a construction zone accident. If you have additional suggestions on how to avoid crashes in construction zones, we would love to hear from you. Call our office at (800) 596-TRUCK (8782). At the **Navigator Truck Insurance Agency** we work hard to be accessible, helpful and result oriented.

