Follow the Signs to Safety

Road work is just ahead. Be prepared for unexpected driving conditions.

Traffic is traveling in both directions on a roadway that is normally one way. Be alert for oncoming traffic.

Shoulder work is just ahead. This area is closed off for maintenance, reconstruction, or utility operations on the highway where the roadway is unobstructed.

A flagger is ahead. Be prepared to stop and/or obey all directions given by the flagger.

You will need to take an alternate route, follow directions.

A lane is about to end, requiring you to merge into the adjacent lane. The “bent” lane indicates which lane is ending.

Traffic is required to shift to the right or left to maneuver through the work zone safely.

You have reached the end of the work zone. Resume normal safe driving.

Work Zone Safety

Tips for Safe Driving in Vermont Work Zones

A work zone is any properly posted highway, street or road where construction, maintenance or utility work is taking place.

- **Rules apply 24/7**—not just during daylight hours.
- **Slow down to the posted speed limit** and adjust for weather conditions. Speeds are reduced to protect motorists and workers.
- **Minimize distraction**—give your full attention to the road and driving.
- **Expect the unexpected**—all modes of travel can be encountered in a work zone, including pedestrians and bicyclists.
- **Follow signs**—they will guide you through the work zone safely.
- **Be courteous**—Don’t change lanes in the work zone, tailgate, or engage in other aggressive behaviors.
- **Merge as instructed**, as soon as it is safe to do so in the work zone, or as traffic conditions warrant.
- **Don’t crowd the roadway workers or their equipment**—give them as much space as possible.
- **Maintain a 4 second following distance.** It takes 240 feet for a passenger car to come to a complete stop on dry pavement traveling at 60 MPH, versus 75 feet for the same car to come to a stop at 30 MPH.
- **Be patient, expect delays, or seek an alternate route.** Remember that roadway workers are improving our highways for your safety.

Vermont Work Zone Driving Laws

Vermont law prohibits the use of handheld portable electronic devices (including cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players, tablets and laptops) except for certain emergency communications. Violators can be fined up to $200 for a first offense and assessed 2 points if the violation occurs in a work zone.

highwaysafety.vermont.gov/phonesdown/workzonesafety

Work Zone Safety Facts

Risk of death is 7 times higher for highway workers than the average worker

Speeding fines are doubled in posted work zones

Vermont had 227 crashes in work zones between 2013-2017

Want to avoid the delays?

511vt.com is a quick and easy way to check your route for work zones, weather advisories, traffic, and general road conditions.