



I-40/Coors Project

Work Zone Driving Tips

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! In work zones, speed limits will be reduced, traffic lanes are changing locations and workers are performing activities near the roadway.



SLOW DOWN! Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.



DON'T TAILGATE! The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision, so leave two car lengths between you and the car in front of you.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.



PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS! The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that signifies end of construction.



OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS! The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone.



STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS! Dedicate your full attention to the roadway; avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.



KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try barge in.)



SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY AND CHECK RADIO, TV AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION. Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. Use the project hotline or Web site for information.



BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM. Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.

For more information on the GRIP I-40/Coors Project, please visit our Web site at www.nmgrip.com and click on the I-40/Coors button. You may also call the hotline at 877-140-GRIP.