



I-40/Coors Project

Work Zone Safety Facts & Stats

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Deadly for Drivers



In the past five years, 4,400 persons were killed in work zone crashes.



Eighty-five percent of those killed in a work zone are drivers or occupants.



In the past five years, 200,000 persons were injured in work zone crashes - that's more than 40,000 a year.

Nationwide Perspective



One work zone fatality every 8.5 hours, or three a day.



One work zone injury every 13 minutes or 113 a day.

When Do Accidents Occur?



Fatal work zone crashes occur most often in summer and fall.



The majority of crashes occur on roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph.



Rear-end crashes (running into the rear of a slowing or stopping vehicle) are the most common type of work zone crash.

New Mexico Trend



In the past five years, there were 29 work zone fatalities.



More than 2,000 individuals have been injured in work zone crashes during the past five years.

Information courtesy of FHWA and NMDOT

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