



Winter Driving in Work Zones

Here are some helpful reminders for keeping yourself and our work zone crews safe during wintry weather:

I. Keep More Distance Between Vehicles



Tailgating the driver in front of you during snowy weather is a bad idea. There is a greater chance you will skid if you need to step on the brakes — or worse yet, you will lose control of your vehicle and have a close encounter with a traffic barricade or two. The most common type of crash in a work zone is a rear-end collision, so maintain a safe distance between you and the driver in front of you.

II. Use Your Headlights

Always turn on your headlights when driving in wet and wintry weather. If you are being extra cautious, especially when passing through a work zone, and driving under the recommended speed limit, turn on your four-way flashers so the drivers behind you have a helpful warning sign.



III. Pay Attention



Give your undivided attention to the road at all times. When approaching a work zone, watch for **construction signs** and **brake lights**, also be on the lookout for **construction cones**, **traffic barricades**, and of course **work zone flaggers**. Lane shifts might not be as visible in wintry

conditions, so be extra alert for those as well. Paying attention also means keeping your hands on the steering wheel and off the cell phone and vehicle dashboard controls. Safety first!



IV. Be Patient



Patience is one of the best virtues to have when you are on the road in bad winter weather. Give yourself plenty of time to get from point A to point B, and stay calm. If you happen to encounter an aggressive driver on the road, do not retaliate. Avoid eye contact, do not honk the horn, and keep your distance from them.



V. Watch for directions from police officers or construction workers

Make sure that you watch for last minute changes in traffic patterns and stops.



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