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MoDOT reminds motorists to slow down and not be distracted when driving through construction areas. The emphasis on safety is part of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

In 2017, 13 people were killed in work zone crashes on state system routes and an additional three on the local system, for a total of 16 fatalities.

Interstates and major roads will have numerous work zones set up through the fall. There will be work zones along interstates 44, 55, 64, 70, 270 and on U.S. Route 65.

Motorists are urged to observe warning signs and merge before reaching lane closures. Please be aware of changing traffic conditions. Traffic could slow or stop unexpectedly, traffic lanes can merge or equipment and workers can enter the roadway. Be aware and be prepared to slow down. Driving too fast for the conditions is a major factor in work zone crashes.

**The best defense in a work zone crash, or any crash, is a seat belt.  
In 2017, 65 percent of vehicle occupant fatalities were not wearing one.**

To help make your travel safer, visit [MoDOT's Traveler Information Map](#) for work zones. Motorists can comment on the quality of MoDOT's work zones with an [online customer survey](#).

For information on work zone safety and a list of high impact work zones across the state, visit <http://www.modot.org/workzones/index.htm>.

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