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**ALDOT Encourages Drivers to Play a Role in Work Zone Safety**  
*Support National Work Zone Awareness Week April 17 – 21*

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – The Alabama Department of Transportation is joining many states across the nation to observe National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) from April 17 – 21, 2023. ALDOT encourages drivers to slow down and eliminate distractions in work zones whenever they're behind the wheel of a car. This year's NWZAW theme is "You Play a Role in Work Zone Safety. Work With Us."

**In 2022, there were 1,916 work zone crashes in Alabama, resulting in 18 fatalities and 511 injuries.** Most people killed in work zones were motorists, passengers and pedestrians. However, when workers are present, workers are the most vulnerable to injury and death. Most work zone crashes are rear-end collisions, resulting from speeding or distracted driving.

**ALDOT offers these tips for driving safely in work zones:**

- **Drive alert.** Don't drive distracted by texting, eating or other activities that take your hands off the wheel. Look for highway workers, reduced speed limits and narrow driving lanes.
- **Slow down.** Don't drive beyond the posted speed limit through the work zone. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.
- **Don't tailgate. Watch for large trucks.** Maintain a safe distance on all sides of your vehicle, so that you don't clip a nearby vehicle and cause that vehicle to also crash into the work zone.
- **Pay attention to signs and signals.** Work zones will be clearly marked well ahead of the reduced speed zone. Pay attention to signs when approaching a work zone.

In recognition of this national campaign, Governor Ivey has issued a proclamation naming April 17 – 21 as Work Zone Awareness Week in the state of Alabama.

For more information on National Work Zone Awareness Week, visit <https://www.nwzaw.org>. Join the national conversation using #NWZAW or locally using #DriveSafeAL.

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