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ALDOT Emphasizes Work Zone Awareness Week

Work Zone Awareness Week to take place April 11-15

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Transportation and states across the nation are joining forces to ask drivers to slow down and eliminate distractions in work zones in recognition of National Work Zone Awareness Week on April 11-15.

There were 2,349 work zone crashes in Alabama in 2021, including 17 fatalities and 420 crashes with injury. All three categories show a slight decrease compared to 2020, and it marks the third consecutive year work-zone crashes have declined. Last year featured the fewest work-zone crashes in the state since 2013.

“These recent numbers show that work zone safety is improving,” said Allison Green, ALDOT Drive Safe Alabama coordinator. “But there is more work that needs to be done, because each injury and fatality represents lives that were forever changed. The men and women who work on our roadways deserve a safe working environment. The best way to keep everyone safe is to drive the speed limit and pay attention.”

A common misconception is that most of those killed in work zone crashes are workers. National statistics show that four out of every five of those killed are motorists. Although, 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 distractions such as cell phones.

Penalties for Work Zone Violations Have Changed in Alabama

The Alabama legislature strengthened the construction zone law in 2021. Now, any moving traffic violation committed in a construction zone where workers are present will result in a \$250 fine or double the regular fine, whichever amount is greater. Previously, only speeding infractions were subject to the fine.

2. Drive Safe Alabama Work Zone Safety Billboard



3. ALDOT's *It's Not a Game* PSA

The public will see ALDOT's "It's Not a Game" campaign through public service announcements on television and radio. The Drive Safe Alabama social media sites will also feature the campaign.



Updated Work Zone fines featured in [PSA](#) from ALDOT