



Chatham Borough Police Department

Traffic Safety Unit



Work Zone Safety



What is a work zone?

A work zone is an area of a roadway with construction, maintenance, utility work, or incident management activities. A work zone is typically marked by signs, cones, drums, barriers, pavement markings, and/or work vehicles. It extends from the first warning sign to the **End Road Work** sign. Speed limits are often reduced in work zones to accommodate lane shifts and protect workers.

Below are some safety tips to live by when driving through a work zone.

- **Stay Alert!** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- **Pay Close Attention!** Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
- **Turn on Your Headlights!** Workers and other motorists must see you.
- **Don't Tailgate!** Rear end collisions are the most common crash in a work zone.
- **Don't Speed!** Note the posted speed limit in and around the work zone.
- **Keep Up with the Traffic Flow!**
- **Don't Change Lanes!**
- **Minimize Distractions!** Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones while driving in the work zone.
- **Expect the Unexpected!** Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
- **Be patient!** Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

For additional New Jersey Work Zone information visit <http://www.njcommuter.com>