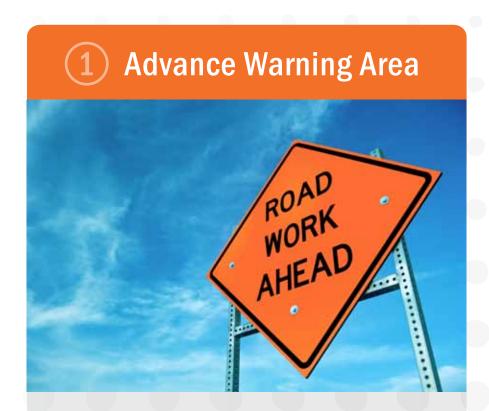
HIGHWAY WORK ZONE AHEAD! 5 KEY AREAS



The Advance Warning Area tells drivers what to expect ahead and relays upcoming conditions.

- Reduce your speed.
- Increase your following distance.
- Safely change or prepare to change lanes.
- Watch for slowed or stopped traffic.



The **Transition Area** is used to physically channel the traffic into the correct flow or a new area to travel.

- Continue adjustments to speed reduction.
- Continue safe following distance.
- Complete the merge with proper techniques, including mirror checks, use of turn signals and alertness to your surroundings.



The **Buffer Area** is the non-work zone area between the Transition Area and the Work Zone Area.

- Workers, vehicles and equipment may be staged in this area.
- Stay alert and beware of potential and sudden movement of these vehicles and equipment onto or near your travel area.



The Work Area is the actual area of construction and the reason for your increased alertness, decreased speed and increased following distance.

- Aim high in your line of sight to get the big picture.
- Keep your eyes moving to be aware of changes in front of and behind you.
- Avoid changing lanes and maintain or further reduce your speed.
- Expect the unexpected and do not tailgate.



The **Termination Area** is designed to provide a short distance for traffic to clear the work area and resume a normal traffic pattern.

- Signal your intention to change lanes.
- Ensure that vehicles behind you are a safe distance from your equipment before merging.



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+ The first two areas are where most major work zone collisions can and do occur.