EVERYONE IS A PEDESTRIAN

FOR A SAFE PATH THROUGH WORK ZONES — "DON'T MISS YOUR CUES!"

Most pedestrians walk familiar routes day in and day out — between the subway station and the office, from the office to a favorite lunch spot, and so on. But this familiarity can cause problems and potentially death for inattentive pedestrians when they find themselves with a construction work zone in their path. In fact, approximately 14 percent of all work zone fatalities are pedestrians.

But we can avoid needless tragedy by following some simple guidelines. It's important to know what work zone signs and markings are the best cues to safe travel for every pedestrian!

Work zones are potentially dangerous places because so much is happening. Construction vehicles and workers often move suddenly while performing their tasks — it's up to the pedestrian to be alert and stay on the safe path through the work zone! This is why work zone traffic control devices are installed. These pavement markings and distinctive orange signs define the SAFE way to travel through the work area, both for drivers **as well as pedestrians!**

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THE PEDESTRIAN'S FIRST SAFETY RULE IN WORK ZONES

It's always safe to simply **avoid the area**. Crossing the street before getting to the work zone, or even going a block out of your way, can save you from getting muddy shoes — or even a much worse fate!

If it's not practical to avoid the work zone, the pedestrian must be attentive and careful. It's very important to obey ALL work zone signs, personnel, and pavement markings.

WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS FOR EVERY PEDESTRIAN TO REMEMBER

- Construction vehicles often move suddenly and quickly. Effective work zone signs and pavement markings will guide the pedestrian away from danger areas, but everyone in a work zone should always be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards.
- Watch where you're going! Construction work may be fascinating to watch, but remember your first responsibility is to get yourself through the work zone as safely as you can. Don't be a "sidewalk superintendent" unless there's a safe vantage point, such as under a well-constructed covered sidewalk in the case of building construction.

SAFETY CUES TO WATCH FOR IN WORK ZONES

- **Orange Work Zone Signs** — communicate to both drivers and pedestrians what is going on and how to travel safely through the work zone signs. These signs can indicate that a sidewalk is closed, and that a detour must be taken.
- **Pavement Markings** — are painted or taped lines on the pavement delineate vehicle travel lanes, and can also indicate pedestrian paths.

Remember, the key to safety is to be alert, and **DON'T MISS YOUR SAFETY CUES!**

Remember these and other crossing rules — review these tips with others

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