

# Georgia Struck-By Highway Work Zone Safety Stand-Down



## Three main types of distraction Driving:

- Visual – taking your eyes off the road
- Manual – taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive – taking your mind off what you are doing

Talking on cell phones and texting behind the wheel both lead to distraction. Driver inattention is the leading cause of accidents.



## What is a Work Zone?

Temporary traffic control zone, change from normal traffic patterns, where people & equipment are at risk.

## Work Zone Traffic Safety

Transportation incidents and workers struck-by vehicles or mobile equipment account for the highest number of fatal work injuries, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Workers such as emergency responders, clean-up, utility, demolition, construction, and others in areas where there are moving vehicles and traffic are exposed to being struck-by moving vehicles. Work zones are used to move traffic in an approved direction and are typically identified by signs, cones, barrels, and barriers.

## Operations in a Work Zone:

Construction, maintenance, utility work, emergency response, environmental sampling

## Texting While Driving National Statistics:

- Distracted drivers cause nearly 3,000 deaths and nearly 400,000 injuries every year.
- While teenagers are texting, they spend about 10 percent of the time outside their driving lane.
- Young driver's reaction time, while talking on a cell, may be as slow as a 70-yr. old.

## Beware of Distracted Drivers – Stay vigilant and watch for these signs

- Swerving
- Taking extreme wide turns
- Driving too slow
- Following too closely
- Braking erratically

## Regulations to Follow:

All traffic control operations and devices must conform to Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and State DOT Design Standards. MUTCD Available on line from DOT -- <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

## Preventing Struck-by Accidents

- Properly plan traffic control and follow applicable rules
- Use proper lighting and road signs
- Trained/certified flaggers
- Utilize proper work zone barriers
- Wear high-visibility clothes near equipment/vehicles
- Wear seat belts and use rollover protections
- Never position yourself between moving and fixed objects.