

## It's 'Work Zone Awareness Week'

The Florida Department of Transportation plans to celebrate National Work Zone Awareness week by continuing the Work Zone Safety: It's Everyone's Job, campaign, a department news release said.

The goal is to reduce crashes, injuries and deaths in highway work zones throughout the state.

In 2005, there were 137 fatalities and 3,110 injuries in 4,136 crashes that occurred in highway work zones. Nine out of ten people killed in the work zones of Florida are motorists or pedestrians, the release said.

Motorists are urged to drive safely in work zones by following these tips:

- Stay alert and expect anything when entering a work zone.
- Pay close attention to signs and work zone flaggers.
- Turn on headlights to be seen.
- Don't tailgate and don't speed.
- Keep up with the traffic flow.
- Don't change lanes in a work zone.
- Be patient.
- Expect the unexpected.

The Florida Highway Patrol, Federal Highway Administration, American Traffic Safety Association, Florida Sheriff's Association and several other state and federal organizations will partner with the FDOT in the campaign.

For more information about the Work Zone Safety: It's Everyone's Job, campaign, visit [www.itseveryonesjob.com](http://www.itseveryonesjob.com).