

# Accident Starts Workzone Awareness Week

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A man is recovering after construction material fell through his windshield along an Orlando highway.

Police say the driver was trying to get onto the westbound ramp to the 408 from Orange Avenue yesterday, when a construction worker on the overpass dropped a ten pound metal nut. It fell through the windshield and hit the person in the passenger seat in the stomach.

That person was transported to the hospital.

Police say they won't be filing any charges, and call the whole thing a big accident.

Ironically the mishap came during the start of national Work Zone Awareness Week.

Traffic safety advocates joined Department of Transportation officials and Florida Highway Patrol Troopers in Tallahassee Monday to kick off the week.

The message is clear: be careful in construction zones, whether you think workers are there or not.

"First and foremost, it's a case of trying to keep the workers out there safe, but secondly, we need to try to keep everybody safe, whether people are working or not," said the president of the Florida Transportation Builders Association Bob Burleson.

Stepped-up enforcement is also part of work zone awareness week. Troopers plan increased patrols in several work zone areas.