



Crashes, death in highway work zones decrease in 2006

LANSING, Mich. A state report out today (Thursday) says that accidents in highway work zones dropped by a fifth in 2006.

The figures come from the Michigan Give 'em a Brake Safety Coalition, which represents workers, builders, police and others.

The report says part of the credit goes to revised work-zone speed limits.

Motorists used to be told to slow to 45 miles per hour whenever they entered a highway construction zone.

Starting last year, motorists only need to do so where workers are present.

According to the coalition, the number of work-zone crashes dropped 20 percent to 52-hundred-16.

Eighteen people died, down from 20 in 2005.

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