

National Work Zone Awareness Week

Did you know?

Approximately 55% of work-related fatalities in the U.S. highway construction industry were vehicle- or equipment- related incidents that occurred in a work zone.

- Approximately, 36% were struck by a dump truck
- Approximately, 11% were hit by backhoes, levelers, planers, scrapers, steamrollers or road pavers

• NIOSH, Building Safer Highway Work Zones: Measures to Prevent Worker Injuries from Vehicles and Equipment, April 2001

• Laborer's Health & Safety Fund of North America



Visibility Tips

*NIOSH, Building Safer Highway Work Zones:
Measures to Prevent Worker Injuries from Vehicles and Equipment, April 2001

- All workers on foot should wear high-visibility safety apparel*
- Inspect high-visibility clothing regularly to ensure that color has not faded and that retroreflective properties have not been lost*
- When considering colors for worker apparel, consider seasonal variations in landscape so that workers do not blend into the background*
- Use fluorescent garments with retroreflective material when working under poor lighting conditions*
- Increase visibility by using high-visibility arm bands and hats, and vests with strobes*
- Use retroreflective material with a smooth sealed outer surface on high-visibility safety apparel for superb performance in wet conditions

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