



## Work Zone Crashes: Fact Sheet

- In 2007, **835** people were killed in work zone crashes in the United States, **21** of those in Tennessee.
- **93%** of people killed in work zone crashes were motorists (drivers or vehicle occupants).
- More than **half** of all work zone fatalities in Tennessee between 2003 and 2007 occurred during daylight hours.
- Twice as many work zone fatalities occur on weekdays rather than weekends.
- **40,000** people are injured each year in the US in work zone crashes. In 2007, **1,226** people were injured in work zone incidents in Tennessee.
- Crashes in work zones in Tennessee between 2003 and 2007 occurred most often during the **spring and summer**.
- **Since 2003**, traffic crashes in Tennessee work zones have **decreased by more than 43%**, from 5,780 in 2003 to 3,280 in 2007.

### Work Zone Driving Tips

- **Slow down!** Drive within the posted speed limits, which are usually reduced in work zones. If you don't, you could pay up to a \$500 fine.
- **Watch for flaggers!** Follow their signals, and don't change lanes within the work zone unless instructed to do so.
- **Don't tailgate!** Most work zone crashes are rear-end collisions.
- **Expect the unexpected!** Work zones change constantly.
- **Eliminate distractions!** Put down the cell phone; leave the radio dial alone. This is not the time to look for a new CD!
- **Keep your ears open!** Do not wear earphones while driving.
- **Merge early!** You can be ticketed (and can cause a crash) for being a last chance merger.
- **Turn your lights on before you enter the zone!** Turn on your vehicle's headlights to become more visible to workers and other motorists.
- **Stay calm!** Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

\*2007 data are preliminary.

Source: TN Dept of Safety, Office of Records and Statistical Management, 8/25/2008.

<http://www.tennessee.gov/safety/stats/CrashData/ConstructionZones.pdf>

County	Construction Zone	Maintenance Zone (Short Duration)	Utility Zone (Short Duration)	Work Zone, Type Unknown	Total
Lawrence	47	1	0	0	48
Lewis	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	25	0	2	0	27
Loudon	27	8	2	0	37
McMinn	4	3	2	0	9
McNairy	3	0	0	0	3
Macon	1	0	0	0	1
Madison	74	5	3	3	85
Marion	1	3	1	0	5
Marshall	1	1	0	0	2
Maury	29	4	1	1	35
Meigs	4	2	0	0	6
Monroe	12	0	1	0	13
Montgomery	238	11	1	3	253
Moore	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan	2	0	0	0	2
Obion	4	1	0	1	6
Overton	0	1	0	0	1
Perry	1	2	0	0	3
Pickett	0	0	0	0	0
Polk	1	0	0	0	1
Putnam	6	1	1	1	9
Rhea	20	0	0	0	20
Roane	28	2	0	0	30
Robertson	15	0	0	0	15
Rutherford	335	26	4	7	372
Scott	0	0	0	0	0
Sequatchie	1	0	0	0	1
Sevier	69	9	3	2	83
Shelby	344	44	22	24	434
Smith	1	1	2	0	4
Stewart	9	0	0	0	9
Sullivan	24	11	3	5	43
Sumner	48	12	2	6	68
Tipton	13	2	0	0	15
Trousdale	1	2	0	1	4
Unicoi	0	0	0	0	0
Union	2	1	1	0	4
Van Buren	5	0	0	0	5
Warren	16	2	0	0	18
Washington	21	8	1	1	31
Wayne	3	1	0	0	4
Weakley	1	1	0	0	2
White	1	1	0	0	2
Williamson	119	10	0	2	131
Wilson	95	2	1	3	101
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3,280</b>