

## Work Zone Crashes

Back-to-back winter storms have created dozens of potholes along interstates and highways, and TDOT is working to repair them as fast as possible over the coming days and weeks. Numerous Work Zones will seemingly pop-up along the way and can create special challenges for drivers of large commercial vehicles due to space restrictions. Road work must take place within highways rights-of-way and more often have a reduced number of travel lanes. The most common violations in work zone areas are speeding and distracted driving.

Rear-end collisions commonly occur on Interstates and 2-lane highways.

- Why? Drivers are not aware or prepared for stopped or slow traffic in front of them.

Another common occurrence is sideswipe collisions.

- Why? Drivers not checking for vehicles in their blind spots.

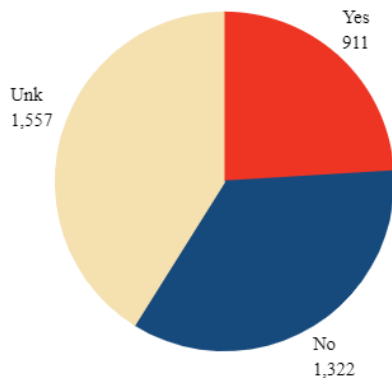


**3,790 Work Zone crashes occurred between 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021.**

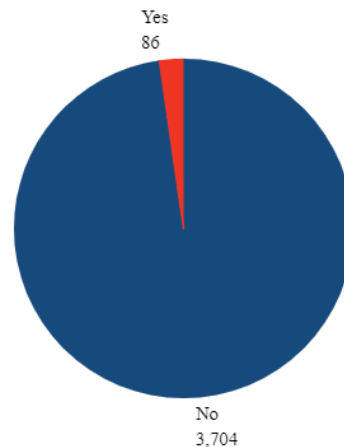
**792 Work Zone crashes involved a Large Truck.**

**34 Work Zone crashes involved a Non-Motorist.**

**Workers Present in Work Zone crash?**



**Work Zone Crashes - Secondary Collisions**



**Workers Present in Work Zone Crash** – Individuals within or related to a Work Zone. This information is important to assess the impact on traffic safety on various types of on-highway work activity, to evaluate control plans, and to make adjustments for the safety of workers and persons traveling the roadways.

**Definition of a Secondary Crash** – A motor vehicle traffic crash within a traffic incident scene or within a traffic queue in either direction resulting from a prior traffic incident.

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**8 in 10 Work Zone crashes occurred in an Urban Area.**

**6 out of 24 Fatal Work Zone crashes involved Alcohol/Drugs.**

**1 in 5 Work Zone crashes resulted in a Possible or Suspected Injury.**

**1 out of 8 Work Zone crashes involved a Distracted Driver.**

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Most crashes occur during the daylight hours and when the weather is clear. The greater number of crashes were on Monday and Wednesday between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm, and Thursday between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

**Reduce your chance of a Work Zone Crash:**

- ✓ Pay attention to work zone signs
- ✓ Leave enough space between you and others
- ✓ Be prepared to stop or slow unexpectedly
- ✓ Watch for traffic and workers going in and out of the work zone

For additional national data visit:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/exit.cfm?link=https://www.workzonesafety.org/crash-information/work-zone-fatal-crashes-fatalities/#national>



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