

## Trucks Involved in 1/3 of Fatal Crashes in Work Zones



**FMCSA urges commercial drivers and motorists to exercise extra caution when approaching and traveling through work zones.**

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While large trucks comprise roughly 5% of vehicular traffic, they continue to have a disproportional involvement (33%) in fatal crashes occurring in work zones, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

In 2019, 842 people died in crashes in highway work zones, an 11% increase from the year prior and the largest percentage increase of highway work zone fatalities this century, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

In light of the growing number of fatal crashes and in observance of National Work Zone Awareness Week between April 26 and April 30, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has called on all drivers to stay alert, obey traffic signs and allow all vehicles extra space as the nation's annual roadway repair and construction season commences.

FMCSA has also developed educational resources, including fact sheets, post cards and shareable social media infographics for safety advocates to help amplify work zone messaging.