Chapter 8
Sharing the Road
KEEP CLEAR  ST.P  GO  YIELD  ONE WAY

NO  THRU  EXIT
TRAFFIC

Merge

Buckle Up

Right Turn Only

No Turn Tuesday
Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

• Motorcyclists have same privileges as drivers of other vehicles.
• Motorcyclists also share equal responsibility for following safe driving practices.
• About 2000 cyclist fatalities occur each year.
Motorcycles

- Motorcycles must be careful of pot holes, railroad track and bad weather.
- It is difficult to judge the speed and distance of a motorcycle.
Motorcycles

- They are smaller & harder to see.
- Motorcycles can stop in a shorter distance than a car. Don’t tailgate!
- Use a Bigger following distance.
- Check your blind spots.
- Careful when you turn.
- Careful when you change lanes
Pedestrians and Special Vehicles

- Pedestrians who do not drive are not fully aware of traffic laws and signals.
- Children and older people are at most risk.
- Children = less visible to drivers
- Children = lack judgment to know when safe to cross streets.
When to Watch out for Pedestrians

- Intersections
- Pedestrian walkways
- When approaching alleys and driveways.
When to Watch out for Pedestrians

- Business districts.
- Residential areas
- Jogging areas
- Parking lots
- Parks
- Schools
- Hospitals
Special Purpose Vehicles

- Snow Plows in Winter
• Recreational Vehicles.
• Local buses (CTA, PACE)
• School buses
School Buses

- On a 2 lane street, both directions must stop.
School Bus

• On a four lane, stop behind the school bus.
• Emergency Vehicles.
Emergency Vehicles
• Slow large moving farm machinery in summer
• Mobile homes being transported. (Wide Load)
Animals
Sharing the Road with Trucks

- 3 classifications of trucks.
- Light, medium and heavy
Big Trucks

• Keep a larger space cushion following a truck so you can see better.
• Large trucks make wide right turns.
• Stay out of the no-zone.
No Zone

Don’t Hang Out In The NO-ZONE

Share the Road Safely with Trucks
Funerals

• The following vehicles may cross cautiously without stopping. *The funeral procession has the right of way.*
Construction Season

Work zones are everywhere!
Cause of Most Work Zone Crashes? The motorist!
Work Zone Safety Facts

- Risk of injury is 66% greater for highway workers
- Risk of death is 7 times higher for highway workers than the average worker
Highway construction is now one of the most hazardous occupations in the United States, surpassing...

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Fighting
A National Problem!!

Deaths in highway work zones reach record

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WASHINGTON — The number of people killed on highway work zones has doubled in the last 10 years, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Last year, 62 people were killed in work zones, compared to 31 in 1993.

The agency said the deaths are caused by drivers speeding, not by work zone conditions. The speed limit is 55 mph, and drivers say they think work zones are no-hazards zones.

The Ohio Turnpike, which had a 10% increase in work zone fatalities in 1993, saw its work zone fatalities drop to 15% in 1994. However, the Ohio Turnpike is a four-lane highway with little traffic, which may make it easier for drivers to spot work zones.

The most common cause of car crashes involving work zones is vehicle speed. In 1994, more than 90% of the crashes involved drivers exceeding the speed limit.

On the road, drivers are often caught off guard by the work zones. In one case, a driver hit a truck carrying concrete and died instantly. On the other hand, some drivers report that they have been able to avoid work zones by driving at a lower speed.

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Drive at the posted speed limit. Speeding fines in work zones are usually doubled!
A Sudden Change of Plans
Top 5 Common Offenses in Work Zones

1. Following Too Closely
2. Reckless Driving - Speeding
3. Failure to Yield Right of Way
4. Failure to Maintain Control
5. Improper Lane Change
Don’t change lanes or pass in work zones

The time saved just isn’t worth the risk!
Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and others around you.

Unexpected stops frequently occur in work zones.
Watch for flaggers

Their direction will get you through the work zone operation safely
Look for changes

A work zone can change since your last trip through it.
Keep an eye out for highway workers

SLOW DOWN AND GIVE’EM A BRAKE
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Notice
Move over or slow down for stopped emergency or maintenance vehicles. It's the law.