



National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Construction and Work Zone Safety

1. The National Safety Council urges the US Department of Transportation to establish a nationally funded research program to determine causes and rates of work zone traffic crashes and to develop recommendations of appropriate countermeasures.
2. The National Safety Council specifically urges that countermeasures be developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives (NAGHSR), and the private sector to safely control traffic through work zones and that these countermeasures be refined for applications as a national practice and/or policy.
3. Excessive speed is a contributing cause of many work zone accidents. The efforts to slow traffic should not sacrifice high standards for design.
4. The National Safety Council supports the enforcement of existing state and federal regulations related to highway construction work zone safety.
5. The National Safety Council urges NHTSA and the states to add "Work Zone" as a uniform definition reporting data item in the collection and forwarding of traffic accident data by the states.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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