


# Safety Tips for Driving in Work Zones

*From the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration*

- **Avoid distractions.** Keep your eyes on the road and off your phone.
- **Obey road crews and signs.** When approaching a work zone, watch for cones, barrels, signs, large vehicles, or workers in bright-colored vests to warn you and direct you where to go.
- **Move over.** Minnesota law requires motorists who come upon stopped vehicles with lights flashing to move over an entire lane. This includes ambulance, fire, law enforcement, maintenance, construction vehicles, utility vehicles, and tow trucks. If you are unable to do so, you must reduce speed.
- **Watch for large vehicles.** Don't make sudden lane changes in front of trucks that are trying to slow down. In 2017, 50 percent of fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks or buses occurred on rural roadways.



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# Don't Put Safety on Autopilot

Global Positioning System (GPS) technology is helping farmers plant impressively straight rows that also maximize potential productivity. While it can be an incredibly useful tool, it does not mean safety can be put on autopilot. We encourage everyone using large equipment near power lines to remember these tips:

- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines – at all times, in all directions.
- Look up and use care when raising any equipment such as ladders, front-end loaders, or augers.
- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines. A driver's vantage point from the cab may not be sufficient.



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