

CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The Problem: Every year construction workers are killed or critically injured by motorists while working on or in close proximity to highways in this province.

The Cause: In many instances motorists are not paying attention to caution signs, not reducing speed or making the necessary adjustments in their driving behaviour while travelling through construction zones.

The Penalties: Substantial fines, prosecutions, possible license suspension, CVOR demerit points assessed against the company and a poor company reputation can result if complaints are registered by construction personnel, the motoring public or charges are laid by the police.



A 5 step injury prevention plan

1. Preplan your trip - Know in advance where your drivers may encounter highway construction. Updated information is available by calling 1-800-268-4686 or on the Internet at website www.roadinfo.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/construction/index.html Forewarn drivers with this information. It is a preventative measure. Think proactive.

2. When approaching construction zones - Drivers must heed the warning signs that are posted for worker and motorist safety and start slowing down **early**.

3. In the construction zone - Adjust your driving to the given conditions, namely, **slow down** and **drive with extreme caution**, do not change lanes, expect sudden stops (your foot should be covering the brake pedal not the accelerator), obey posted speeds, watch for pedestrian and construction vehicles. Give them more room for an extra margin of safety.

4. Corporate Safety Personnel - Share this information with all drivers and strictly enforce its application. Follow up on complaints. Show people you take safety seriously.

5. Professional Drivers – Set the example for other motorists by slowing down and using defensive driving techniques through construction zones.

Give your fellow workers a brake!