# WORK ZONE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE: OHIO

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**[Organization] Supports the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Work Zone Safety Outreach Campaign in Ohio**

**[City, State]** – **[Organization]** announced today it is joining efforts to help reduce large truck crashes in works zones by supporting a state-wide work zone safety outreach campaign led by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). **[Organization]** calls on all drivers to “share work zones safely” by staying alert, obeying traffic signs, and allowing all vehicles extra space while driving through Ohio’s active work zones.

Throughout the campaign FMCSA will amplify safety messages through outlets such as
billboards and audio ads, reaching commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers traveling through
work zones. FMCSA encourages road users to visit [ohgo.com](http://ohgo.com/) for the most up-to-date work zone information and real-time travel information.

“We are pleased to be a part of an effort to remind not only CMV drivers, but all those on Ohio’s roadways to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones,” said **[spokesperson].** “There is a clear need to raise awareness on work zone safety. We’re proud of the Buckeye State for many reasons, but we still need everyone to do their part to prevent roadway crashes.”

Across Ohio’s 121,856 miles of roadway and 44,047 bridges, there are also hundreds of active work zones impacting drivers across the state. The state is consistently seeing a high number of crashes, particularly in work zones. In 2020 alone, 28% of work zone roadway fatalities involved a CMV. This high fatality rate, coupled with other crash factors, showcases the importance of work zone safety outreach efforts in Ohio, for the collective effort to reduce work zone crashes and save lives.

For more information on work zone safety, visit the campaign [website](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/work-zone-safety-shareable-material).

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