## **Drive Time -- Safety Tips for VT Drivers**

## Information, tips and reminders from those who work to keep Vermont drivers safe –

VT State Police, VT Department of Motor Vehicles, VT Agency of Transportation, VT Sheriffs Association, and AARP Driver Safety, members of the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance.

## **Driving Safely in Work Zones**

Now that warm weather is finally here, it must be construction season. And that means it's time to refresh our safe driving in work zone skills with these tips:

- Remember that work zone means any properly posted construction, maintenance or utility work site, and rules apply 24/7, not just during the workday.
- Slow down! Speed limits are reduced and fines for speeding are doubled in work zones for a good reason: to protect the workers.
- Follow instructions from flaggers and signs.
- Pay extra attention, minimize distractions and expect the unexpected.
- Do NOT use handheld devices; it's illegal in Vermont, except for certain emergency communications.
- Turn on headlights for better visibility.
- Be courteous, and merge as instructed, as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Don't change lanes in the work zone, tailgate, or crowd the road crew. Maintain at least your 4-second following distance and give road workers as much space as possible. Try to keep up with the traffic flow.
- Expect delays and schedule extra time, or seek an alternate route.
- Be patient. Remember that they're working hard to improve the roads for all of us.



