

# SAFETY TALK



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## Work Zone Safety Reminders!

With spring officially here according to the calendar and summer on the way, road crews will soon be working on paved roads to fill potholes and cracks. This important work keeps moisture from penetrating into the aggregate base which will extend the life of the road. Many of these roads may be in rural areas exposing the crew to high speed traffic even though some roads have relatively low daily traffic counts. Low traffic counts tend to “lull” work crews into a false sense of security (safety).

When you and your fellow staff members are going out to do a repair, or maintenance work on a paved road, please practice the following guidelines:

Safety plan for your work zone options include:

- Safety vests & hats for all work crew members
- Traffic control plan, layout for work ahead signs, flag persons, cones, buffering barrels & etc.
- Vehicle with flashers or sign
- Perform setup and work during daylight hours as much as possible.

Refer to the North Dakota Department of Transportation <https://www.ndltap.org/resources/safety/downloads/NDDOT-Traffic-Control-Regs.pdf>

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