

# CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY

## 1998

### **Virginia Statistics**

At any time, Virginia Department of Transportation crews or their contractors are working on more than 300 highway construction and maintenance projects across the state. *(VDOT)*

Each year, hundreds of motorists are injured or killed in Virginia highway work zone accidents. *(VDOT)*

Exceeding the speed limit in a Virginia highway work zone carries fines of up to \$250. *(VDOT)*

### **National Statistics**

Each year across the United States, more than 20,000 traffic crashes occur in highway work zones, killing more than 700 people and injuring another 5,000. *(TTI)*

The cost of highway work zone crashes totals more than \$3 billion every year. *(TTI)*

Work zones contribute to traffic congestion and associated driver aggression. Every day, two deaths associated with work zone crashes occur in the United States. *(NHTSA)*

In 1998, 84% of the 772 work zone fatalities occurred in roadway construction zones. *(TTI)*

Of the 772 people killed in work zone crashes in 1998, 13% (101) were pedestrians. *(TTI)*

Nationally, almost 23% of fatalities related to road construction occur when workers on foot are struck by traffic. Another 12% of the fatalities result from traffic crashes near work zones. *(TTI)*