

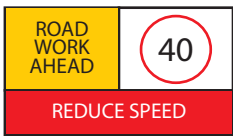
# ROAD WORKERS - THE UNKNOWN VULNERABLE USER

## QUICK FACTS



### Road work signs

Where a road work speed limit sign is displayed, the speed limit is enforceable and must be obeyed. When approaching roadworks pay attention to all signs and obey reduced speed signs.



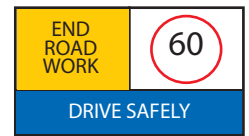
Reduce speed sign warning of upcoming roadworks



Reduce speed sign with roadworkers sign



Traffic controller sign with prepare to stop sign



End roadwork sign

Sources: [BMS Speed \(2017\)](#)  
[Queensland Government, Roadwork Safety \(2013\)](#)

### Tips for drivers driving in road work zones

- **move into the correct lane** as soon as possible
- **slow down**
- **look out** for road workers
- **follow traffic controllers** instructions
- **follow direction** of the traffic controller if one is present
- **watch for vehicles** entering or leaving the area
- **follow all signs**
- **keep a safe distance** from all vehicles, barriers, equipment and road workers
- **travel at the posted speed limit** to reduce accidents due to narrower traffic lanes
- **reduced road shoulders and construction vehicles** entering or exit traffic lanes

Source: [Queensland Government, Roadwork Safety \(2013\)](#)

### Accidents

862



Within the heavy and civil engineering construction industry, WorkSafe recorded **862 injuries** in 2012 and **810 injuries** in 2013

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In 2010-2011 **5 workers died** and **10 were seriously injured** while working on Australian public roads

Sources: [VicRoads, Road Worker Safety \(2017\)](#)