

FACT SHEET

Mission Statement

Safe Zones seeks to save workers' and motorists' lives by changing driver behavior at worksites to reduce vehicle speeds and crashes.

Overview

Enacted by HEA 1015 during the 2023 legislative session, Indiana Safe Zones is a new program administered by the Indiana Department of Transportation that aims to save lives of motorists and construction workers by reducing vehicle speeds and changing driver behavior at worksites throughout the state. Worksite speed control programs in other states have been effective in slowing traffic and creating safer conditions for motorists and road workers.

How does the Indiana Safe Zones program work?

- Signs will be posted as motorists enter and exit worksites.
- Violations occur at 11 mph over the posted work zone speed limit.
- The pilot program will begin with a pre-enforcement period, during which drivers will receive courtesy notices but will not be fined.
- After the pre-enforcement period is over:
 - First violation: Zero-fine warning
 - Second violation: \$75 civil penalty
 - Third or more violation: \$150 penalty each.
- Collected penalties will go into the state's General Fund.

When did the Safe Zones program begin in Indiana?

The Safe Zones program was authorized by House Enrolled Act 1015 during the 2023 Indiana legislative session. Preenforcement period begins August 14,2024 on I-70 in Hancock County. The pilot program is expected to run through 2028.