Work zone ahead—drive safely!

Ahh spring! It’s warm once again, and we can all finally come out of hibernation for spring break. While warm weather coaxes us out to travel, many municipalities also take the opportunity to improve road conditions and infrastructure. So, before you pack your bags and swimsuit, keep in mind that you’ll likely be sharing the roadways with construction sites and maintenance crews. Of course safety is the top concern, but also keep in mind that the penalties for speeding or committing other traffic violations while in a construction work zone are more severe than when the road is clear.

Nearly all states have laws that increase the penalties for speeding or committing other traffic violations while in a construction work zone, and New Jersey is no exception. In New Jersey, when you see a construction zone sign posted, you can be sure all moving vehicle violations will result in double the original fine, regardless of whether workers are present. If you are caught speeding in New York where a construction zone is sign posted, you could be subject to an additional fine of $90 to $600, up to 30 days in jail or both, whether workers are present or not.

We don’t expect you need any further reason to take extra care in work zones, but we’d be remiss if we didn’t mention your insurance rates, too. Traffic violations—work zone or not—can result in an increase in your premium, and that’s never news we want our clients to receive. Make this season a good one—drive safely!