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Work Zone Safety



Spring is just around the corner and, here on the Eastern shore, this means construction season is not far behind. Work zones play a key role in maintaining and upgrading our community's roadways, however, changes in traffic patterns, narrowed rights-of-way and other unexpected obstacles can lead to crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Construction season is active at Wallops. We have dozens of construction projects in the works. Although our facility may have less traffic than major roadways, it's still important to take precautions when nearing these work zones.



It's important to use extra caution while driving through construction sites — your life and others' depend on it. Now, especially, is the time to obey traffic laws and signs, stay alert and pay attention to your surroundings.

Remember the following work zone safety tips:

- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

- Anticipate lane shifts, and merge when directed to do so.
- Do not speed in work zones; obey the posted speed limits.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Don't cut off construction vehicles or follow too closely; they can not stop as fast as a passenger vehicle and they won't be able to see you close behind them.
- Watch for workers and signalmen; drive with caution.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Be Patient!



Someone loves you please drive with care.

Memorial—Remembering Construction Workers Who Lost Their Lives





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EARTH DAY 2019 PROTECT OUR SPECIES

“In nature nothing exists alone” - Rachel Carson, 1962

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In recent centuries vast numbers of animals and plants have gone extinct. Even where you live, you may remember a time when fishing was better or there were more birds at your backyard feeder.

Since 1970, the number of animals living on the land has fallen by 40 percent and the number of freshwater animal populations has declined by 75 percent. Currently about 33 percent of the amphibians are at risk for extinction and insect populations have declined by 75 percent in some places of the world. About a quarter of the world’s coral reefs have already been damaged beyond repair and about 75 percent of the world’s coral reefs are at risk from local and global stresses. In addition, while countless new species of plants or animals have been discovered in tropical forests across the globe in the last decade, millions of natural forests continue to be destroyed every year.

Overexploitation of species, habitat loss, climate change, the spread of invasive species, changing global policies, and chemical use are all contributing to these declines.



Annually on March 15, Wallops closes the northern end of the Recreational Beach to protect the nesting area for the federally protected piping plovers and red knots. Drive slowly on the beach and avoid all flagged or signed areas delineating nest sites for birds or turtles. Obey all posted signs and barriers. These include the cable area prohibiting access to the piping plover nesting area. For additional information on the WFF Natural Resource Program, visit

<https://code200-external.gsfc.nasa.gov/250-wff/program-areas-natural-resources>
or contact Shari Miller at x2327.



UPCOMING ANNUAL RCRA AND ICP TRAINING

Annual Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hazardous Waste and Integrated Contingency Plan training will be held in Building E104, room 214. All personnel who work with hazardous waste and/ or hazardous materials are required to update their training annually.

Please sign up for one of the following dates and times in SATERN.

- May 28, 2019 – 0900-1100
- May 28, 2019 – 1300-1500
- May 30, 2019 – 0900-1100
- May 30, 2019 – 1300-1500
- May 31, 2019 – 0900-1100
- May 31, 2019 – 1300-1500