

Drivers reminds to drive safely and watch for crews in work zones

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Team Kentucky re-minds drivers traveling through work zones to watch for highway crews, obey posted speed limits and follow traffic control devices to keep Kentucky roadways safe for everyone as work zone crashes are on the rise compared to this time last year. To prevent crashes and serious injuries during the still active construction season, more speed enforcement cameras and automated flagger devices will be present in work zones to enhance safety for drivers and workers.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) deployed 50 additional Automated Flagger Assistance Devices (AFADs) statewide this summer to safely direct traffic and reduce worker hazards, and motorists should give the devices the same respect they give human flaggers by following their directions. Seven more speed enforcement cameras will also be placed in work zones across the state this year to encourage safe driving speeds where workers are present.

“Kentuckians ought to look out for each other everywhere, including on our roads,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Our transportation teams are

using proven tools to make work zones safer for those building or driving on our roads, but it still requires every driver makes smart choices every time they’re behind the wheel.”

“We take work zone safety seriously and are committed to using every method available to reduce collisions, save lives and improve safety for Kentucky families who rely on our roads,” said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “Every speed camera, every flagger and flagging device, and every sign in a work zone exists for one reason – to get workers and drivers home safely at the end of every day.”

A total of 120 AFADs are now available in all 12 KYTC highway districts to minimize risks and improve safety. These automated flagger devices are portable and feature a mechanical stop arm and two signal lights that are controlled by a trained operator to safely manage traffic flow in work zones and minimize risks to workers. They are commonly used on two-lane roads where lanes are temporarily reduced. Drivers should treat AFAD signals the same as a human flagger – coming to a complete stop when indicated by a red light and down stop arm and proceeding slowly only when

Work Zone Driving Tips

Put the phone down: No life is worth a text or call.

Slow down: Obey posted work zone speed limits.

Be alert: Be prepared for sudden lane shifts and stopped traffic.

Watch for workers: Crews and equipment may be entering or exiting the roadway at any time.

Obey flaggers/AFAD signals: Obey all commands; stop and go only when signaled.

Buckle up: Every trip, every time.

Be patient: A few extra minutes is worth a lifetime for the workers.

SOURCE: KY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

signaled by a yellow light as the stop arm is raised.

Ignoring or disobeying AFADs in work zones may result in legal consequences as set out in Chapter 189 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and could include fines, driver’s license revocation and, in some circumstances, criminal charges.

So far this year, 64 work zone incidents occurred due to motorists disregarding flaggers and AFADs, and 50% of those violations resulted in criminal charges against the driver while another 38% are pending.

At the end of September 2025, KYTC announced the state’s first use of camera assisted speed enforcement. Currently, five cameras are already being used in five highway work zones on I-64 in Shelby County, I-75 in Laurel and Whitley counties, I-24 in

“The highway construction industry greatly appreciates KYTC’s additional investment in speed cameras to keep highway construction workers and the traveling public safe in our work zones,” said Chad LaRue, Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors. “They are a critical tool to improve speed limit compliance by the traveling public.”

The speed enforcement cameras do not send automated tickets through the mail. Instead, they are monitored by law enforcement officers stationed near the work zone, who can then pull over motorists exceeding the posted work zone speed limit. Signs and flashing lights provide warning to passing motorists when they’re in operation.

“Every year, we lose too many people on our roadways because of crashes that could have been prevented,” said Kentucky State Police Major Eric Walker. “We’re going to be out there watching, and we’re going to enforce this law. At the end of the day, we’re doing this because we want to save lives here in Kentucky.”

To stay up to date on active work zones and other traffic information, visit goky.ky.gov.

No cost voter ID cards available at Driver Licensing Regional Offices

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Ahead of elections coming up on November 3, Team Kentucky is reminding eligible registered voters who do not currently have an accepted form of identification that they can get a Voter ID card at no cost at Driver Licensing Regional Offices. Voter ID cards are available year-round and can help eligible Kentuckians meet voting ID requirements if they do not have another accepted form of ID.

“Voting is the bedrock of our democracy and al-

lows Americans to have a say in what is best for their communities and our country,” said Gov. Beshear. “This program helps eligible voters get the ID they need to have their voices heard this November.”

Voter ID cards can be requested at any of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) 35 Driver Licensing Regional Offices or at their regularly scheduled popup driver licensing events. When applying, Kentuckians must present proof of identity, proof of Social Security number, proof of Kentucky residency documents, and complete an application form.

To be eligible for a Voter ID card, applicants must:

- Be registered to vote

in Kentucky or register to vote when applying.

- Not have another acceptable form of state-issued identification, such as a valid Kentucky driver’s license.
- Provide required documentation.

Driver Licensing Regional Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two Saturday service hours will be offered at all offices on Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Through Nov. 3, staff will prioritize Voter ID card requests to minimize barriers and help ensure eligible Kentuckians have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

For regional office and popup locations, required documents and additional information, visit drive.ky.gov.

Public Notice

Estate settlements announced

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

Zachery Ross Barlow of 1900 Garden Springs Drive, Apt 8, Lexington, KY 40504 was appointed to Executor of the estate of Gary Dale Barlow on September 22, 2026. The Attorney of record is Neil E Duncliffe of 107 North Hamilton Street, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by March 22, 2027, or forever barred.

Linda Deloise Doan of 101 Brahams Court, Georgetown, KY 40324 was appointed Executrix of the estate of Bennie F Doan on September 28, 2026. The Attorney of record is Har-

old F Simms of 112 North Court Street, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by March 28, 2027, or forever barred.

Diana & Matthew Wells were appointed Co-Guardians/Conservators on September 28, 2026, in re of Ella Wells. The Attorney of record is Benjamin H Watkins of 9200 Shelbyville Road, Ste 103, Louisville, KY 40222. All claims are to be filed by March 28, 2027, or forever barred.

Brian K Privett of 102 East Main Street, Suite 101, Georgetown, KY 40324 was appointed Public administrator of the estate of

Steven Stillel on October 01, 2026. The Attorney of record is Mikel Davis McKinley of 160 East Main Street, Suite 100, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by April 01, 2027, or forever barred.

Phillip Blankenship of 891 East Main Street Extended, Georgetown, KY 40324 was appointed Administrator of the estate of Gilbert Blankenship Jr on October 01, 2026. The Attorney of record is Neil E Duncliffe of 107 North Hamilton Street, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by April 01, 2027, or forever barred.

Country Boy Brewing to apply for several liquor licenses

Country Boy Brewing, LLC with a mailing address of 101 Innova-tion Way, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324, hereby declares its intention to apply for a Class B Distiller, NQ2 Retail Drink, Special Sunday Retail Drink, and Sampling Licenses no later than November 3, 2026. The business to be licensed will be

located at 6325 Cincinnati Pike, Sadieville, Kentucky 40370. Country Boy Brewing, LLC is a Kentucky limited liability company owned and managed by its members: Nathan Coppage, 436 Chair Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40508; Evan Coppage, 436 Chair Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40508; and Daniel Harrison, 436

Chair Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40508. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the approval of the license by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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