



SAFETY

Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

Construction Season is Here—Drive with Caution!

The Greater Indianapolis Area has a major highway reconstruction project that will close I-70/I-65 downtown for nearly three months this summer. The project will start the day after the Indianapolis 500 Race and is to be completed before the Labor Day weekend.

This project is not one of those where the number of lanes are reduced by half and traffic is forced to slow down. This project will completely close a portion of an Interstate Highway that carries in excess of 100,000 vehicles a day. Where will all of that traffic go? Everyone of those vehicles will have to find an alternate route. During the construction 100,000+ more vehicles will be on local routes. Doesn't that sound like fun! My suggestion to anyone planning a trip to Indianapolis, wait until after Labor Day!

An article in the Indianapolis Star stated that Indianapolis police will be allowing a couple weeks grace period before issuing tickets for violations on local streets when the construction project begins. They want to give commuters time to become accustomed to the different routes that they will be taking. Additional officers will be stopping violators and issuing warnings during the grace period. I question the benefits of this grace period. I think that it is more important to hold people responsible for the warning signs that are already out there.

How much do people actually heed warnings? There are all sorts of warnings out there already! Stop signs, stop lights, posted speed limits, one-way traffic signs, do not enter signs, school zone signs, traffic cops, construction signs, detour signs, stop lights & directional signals on vehicles, and

you can probably think of others. How many of us are guilty of not paying attention to the warning signs? Part of the reason is, we get away with ignoring the warning signs and think that there are no consequences. I urge you to pay attention to the warning signs, because there are consequences. Not only on the road, but in everything related to your safety. Please be careful.

The point of all this rambling: It is the height of construction season! Expect delays and detours! Plan ahead and take in to consideration construction in your area! Start earlier than usual! And this doesn't apply only to Indianapolis or to Irving Materials, Inc. Remember, always drive defensively! Don't let orange and black construction signs make you see red! Slow down and obey the construction signs! Prepare for the worst case scenario! Be courteous and use your directional signals! Stay alert! Scan the road ahead! Check your rearview mirrors every 3 to 5 seconds! Maintain a "cushion of safety" between you and other motorists! Wear your seatbelt! Keep your vehicle in good repair!

Don't let distractions cause you to lose your attention for the most important thing that you must do while behind the wheel: drive your vehicle from point A to point B without injury or damage to you and your property or someone else and their property. Don't drive and talk on a cell phone at the same time. Keep your driving duties foremost in your mind. Driving is an important and vital task! Give it the attention it deserves and be patient. Have a safe construction season.

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Painting the Church

A young man was out of work and short of money. His Pastor, knowing this, offered him \$500 dollars to buy paint and paint the church. So the young man bought some paint and starting painting the church. All too soon he realized that he was using the paint up faster than he intended. Not wanting to spend more money on paint, he just added some thinner and kept on painting. The paint still covered, but not as well. Soon the young man realized that he still was not going to have enough paint to finish the job. He added more thinner and kept on painting. Now the paint barely covered. All of a sudden there was a bolt of lightening and a booming voice from on high, "REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE".



