FIREWORKS SAFETY

As consumer grade fireworks are now legal in Iowa, we would like to remind you of the campus policy concerning use of fireworks on campus. Any open flame, including use of fireworks, is not allowed without obtaining a permit from the University Safety Officer or his/her designee. Information and a request for an open flame/pyrotechnic permit can be obtained by visiting https://risk.uni.edu/open-flame; and see the “Support Guide”. The UNI office of Environmental, Health, and Safety recommend that only trained professionals set off any fireworks.

Join UNI and thousands of organizations nationwide as we work to ensure No One Gets Hurt.

Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. We provide downloadable resources highlighting a different safety topic for each week in June:

Week 1:
Emergency Preparedness
Week 2: Wellness
Week 3: Falls
Week 4: Driving

Here are some free tools that can help you make the most of the month:

Tune in for the National Safety Council’s webinar, Building a Culture of Safety from the Ground Up, on Tuesday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time to learn how to create a good foundation for your safety and health program.

Wherever your safety and health program is in the process, you can use OSHA’s Safety and Health Program Self-Evaluation Tool, Safety and Health Program Implementation Checklist, or Safety and Health Program Audit Tool to put your program on the path to success this month.

A PRACTICAL BACKYARD TOUR of Waterloo & Cedar Falls!

On Saturday, June 16, tours will be conducted of seven sustainable backyards and green spaces of Waterloo and Cedar Falls organizations and homeowners. The event is free and open to the public and will take place from 10 AM to 1 PM at the various locations. A finale and prize drawing will be held following the tour at 1:30. The event is sponsored by the Healthy Cedar Valley Coalition in partnership with the Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project, Green Iowa AmeriCorps, KWWL, the Cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, the Waste Trac Education Team, the Cedar Falls Seed Library, Petersen & Tietz, Meyers Nursery and SingleSpeed Brewing.

Additional Information can be found at: On the Waste Trac "Public Programs" http://wastetrac.org/public-programs/ or Via Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/events/2064715983774874/
WORK ZONES ARE DANGEROUS, AND TOO OFTEN DEADLY, WORK AREAS.

FOLLOWING THESE 10 TIPS COULD SAVE A LIFE.

1. In any work zone along any road, major or minor, expect the unexpected. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.
2. Obey warning signs – they are posted in advance of road construction projects to give you time to follow their instructions to merge, slow down or stop.
3. Stay alert and minimize distractions. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and resist the temptation to get on your cell phone or engage in other distracting behaviors while driving through a work zone.
4. Stay calm. Work zones aren’t there to personally inconvenience you. They’re necessary to improve the roads for everyone.
5. You may see flashing arrow panels or “lane closed ahead” signs. Merge as soon as possible. Don’t zoom right up to the lane closure, then try to barge in – if everyone cooperates, traffic moves more efficiently. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by moving to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching work zone.
6. Slow down when the signs say to. Speeding is one of the leading causes of work zone related crashes so slow down and take your time.
7. The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear-end collision, so remember to leave at least two seconds of braking distance between you and the car in front of you. The amount of space required to provide two seconds of stopping time will increase the faster you’re driving!
8. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers. Just like you, highway workers want to return home safely after each day’s work.
9. Just because you don’t see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs doesn’t mean they’re not out there. Some work zones – like line painting, road patching and mowing are mobile, moving down the road as the work is finished. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that states you’ve left the work zone.
10. Highway agencies use many different and varying ways to inform motorists about the location and duration of major work zones. Often, the agencies will suggest a detour to help you avoid the work zone entirely. Plan ahead, and try an alternate route.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration