

MoDOT Roadside Mowing Safety Reminders

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Department of Transportation crews are beginning the mowing season with a main purpose: safety.

During May and June, MoDOT crews are out mowing on tractor mowers so motorists have a clear, safe line of sight as they cruise along state highways.

Motorists are reminded to pay attention and slow down when approaching mowing crews. Please take the time to pass carefully and safely especially on rural two-lane roads.

Major and minor routes will be mowed in three cycles starting in mid-May, mid-July and mid-September.

On rural two-lane roads, crews may use a protective "follow" truck to alert motorists they are approaching slow-moving mowers. When passing mowers drivers are advised to be prepared to stop or drive very slowly behind a "follow" truck, especially approaching a hill or curve on a two-lane road.

Obey the no passing zone stripes and only pass when you can see far enough past the "follow" truck to avoid meeting oncoming traffic.

Between mowing cycles, report grass and weeds blocking visibility at intersections along state roads to MoDOT. Contact MoDOT's 24/7 Customer Service Center at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636). or fill out an online form at www.modot.org and click on Report A Road Concern.

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