



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD CLOSURES

With road construction still being very prevalent around Dodge County, there are many road-closed signs posted on roads with barricades. These road-closed signs and barricades are on highways, county roads, and within townships, etc. Most of the road closed signs state access is only granted to local or business-related traffic. This means that people who do not live on that closed road or are not accessing a business on that closed road are not allowed to have access or even be on that closed road. It means all other access is restricted and not allowed. Drivers can minimize their use of roads in work zones by using side roads that intersect close to their destination. In addition, roads that have barricades on them making the road not accessible should not be accessed by anyone unless given permission by a law enforcement officer.

Planning ahead and giving yourself extra time will prevent being rushed due to changes and possibly causing a collision. It may take a few extra minutes to follow the detour or to take a different route, but rest assured this will make your summer travels more enjoyable. Failure to obey officer, sign, or signal, per Wisconsin State Statute 346.04, can result in a citation costing \$175.30 and three demerit points, a second offense within one year is \$213.10 and three demerit points. If workers are present when the violation occurs the costs increase to \$213.10 and three points for a first offense and \$288.70 and three points for the second offense within one year. After all of this, you will be directed back to the proper location to follow the detour anyway so save yourself the time and follow the detour from the start. If law enforcement catches you moving Road Closed signs/ barricades, you can be issued a \$326.50 citation for "Interfering with a Sign or Signal" per Wisconsin State Statute 346.42.

