

Move Over or Slow Down


It Saves Lives

On approaching an emergency vehicle...vacate the lane closest to the vehicle...or slow to a speed not to exceed 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit...*

** Texas Transportation Code Chapter 545.157*



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Watch for authorized vehicles stopped on the roadway. When you see warning lights, safely and legally **move over or slow down.**

What the Law Requires

Every day, law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency personnel and tow operators risk their lives responding to calls for help. The Move Over or Slow Down law is designed to prevent secondary crashes and protect responders, drivers and passengers. Know the law to help keep our roadways safe.

- Move out of the lane closest to stopped vehicle(s) when on a highway with two or more lanes going in the same direction, if it can be done safely and legally **–Or–**
- Slow to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed.
- On local roads, slow to 5 miles per hour if the posted speed is 25 miles per hour or less.

Authorized Vehicles

Did you know that Move Over or Slow Down protects more than just emergency responders? To avoid being fined up to \$200 for unlawfully passing authorized vehicles, watch for the following displaying warning signals, such as cones or flashing lights:

- Police, fire fighters, ambulances and other EMS vehicles
- Tow trucks rendering service
- TxDOT vehicles not separated by a traffic control device or barrier

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