

	<b>SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER</b>	Date:
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## The Slow Down & Move Over Law

### Purpose of Move Over Law:

To protect the lives of those persons performing important duties on the sides of the roads.

### What you need to do

**If you see an emergency vehicle pulled over with lights flashing**, slow down to 60 km/h or obey the posted speed limit if it's lower than 60 km/h.

If you're on a road with 2 or more lanes in your direction, you must also move into another lane farther away from the stopped vehicle if you can do so safely.

You don't need to slow down or move over if the vehicle is on the other side of the median on a divided highway.

### **Types of vehicles included under the Move Over Law**

This law has been updated to include public safety officers and tow truck drivers as well as emergency personnel, conservation officers and motor vehicle inspectors.

### **You need to slow down and move over for:**

- Ambulances
- Police Vehicles
- Fire Department Vehicles
- Department of Lands and Forestry Fire Vehicles
- Fire Chiefs' or Deputy Fire Chiefs' Vehicles
- Conservation Officers' Vehicles
- Motor Vehicle and Motor Carrier Inspectors' Vehicles
- Public Safety Vehicles, like sheriffs and bridge patrol officers
- Tow trucks that are stopped at the scene of a fire or collision or assisting a vehicle

### **As of 2019, all Canadian provinces include tow trucks in the Slow Down Move Over law.**

### **Penalties**

- Fines are doubled for speeding past, or not moving over when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with emergency lights flashing.
- Fines for not slowing down or not moving over start at \$350.00 for a first offence, however, a judge can impose a higher fine if it goes to court.

## When an emergency vehicle is moving

- Emergency vehicles like Ambulances, Fire Department vehicles and Police Vehicles using flashing lights and sirens have the right of way.
- When one of these emergency vehicles approaches you from ahead or behind with its siren on, move to the right edge or curb of the road and stop completely. You must remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed or until a police officer directs you to move.
- Slow Down, Move Over Laws now exist in **all provinces in Canada** with varying fines and demerit points for not allowing a safe space for emergency personnel to work.

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