

Approaching Emergency Vehicles

An emergency vehicle can approach you from ahead, behind, or from a nearby street. Your actions can help them respond to the call in a safe and timely manner.



Green Flashing Lights are used by volunteer firefighters responding to a call in their personal vehicle.

Treat a green flashing light the same way you would to any other emergency vehicle.

Drivers Are To:

- Know provincial law when it comes to yielding to an emergency vehicle.
- Remain calm and don't panic.
- Move the vehicle to the right if possible, then come to a complete stop and wait.
- Stay put at an intersection, stop sign or traffic light. If you can, pull over the right.
- Pull over the nearest side of the road. If you are on a one-way road or divided highway ensure the shoulder is safe to pull over.
- Before resuming your travel, make sure another emergency vehicle is not coming along after the first one.

Drivers Should Not:

- Don't stop in the middle of an intersection. Proceed through it, and then pull over to the right.
- Don't stop in the middle of a lane when there is room on the shoulder.
- Don't pull to the left if in the centre yellow lane or left turn lane.
- Don't race ahead to get through a green light or turn, before an emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't race after an emergency vehicle to get through a traffic light.
- Don't make a left turn quickly into a driveway or side street.
- Don't disregard the emergency vehicle and continue to travel.

Pedestrians Should:

- Always listen for sirens and be aware of their surroundings.
- Move onto the shoulder as far away from the roadway as possible.
- Ensure their traveling companions (friends, children, pets) are away from the road.
- Wait until the emergency vehicle(s) have passed before recommencing the walk.

Pedestrians Should Not:

- Attempt to cross roadways when hearing sirens or seeing flashing lights.
- Lose control of children or pets in their care.
- Assume the passing of one emergency vehicle will not be followed by another.