

MOVE OVER. IT'S THE LAW.



Get the Facts: *Move Over. It's the Law.*

Learn these facts about the “Move Over” law so you can do your part to protect those who protect you. It’s not just the law—it’s the right thing to do.

I’ve never heard of the “Move Over” law – what is it?

Laws vary from State to State, but in general: When an emergency vehicle using any visual signal is stopped or parked on or next to a roadway, drivers approaching the emergency vehicle should (1) make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle; or (2) if unable to safely make a lane change, slow down to a reasonable speed for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

How do I know if my State has a “Move Over” law?

All 50 States have enacted “Move Over” laws, but very few Americans know they exist. Visit <http://www.DrivingLaws.AAA.com> to find out your State’s law.

If I violate the “Move Over” law, what is the penalty?

Fines for violations of the “Move Over” law vary from State to State. In some States, violation of the law is punishable by jail time as well.

Is it *really* that unsafe to drive next to a law enforcement officer stopped on the side of a highway?

Yes. Making a traffic stop, investigating a crash or assisting a motorist are some of the most dangerous things law enforcement officers do. In 2017 alone, 47 law enforcement officers were killed in traffic-related incidents.

Why am I hearing so much about this law now? Is it new?

No. In fact, the first “Move Over” law originated in South Carolina in 1996. Since then, every State has enacted such laws, including Hawaii, which in 2012 became the 50th and final State to enact “Move Over” legislation. Unfortunately, not everyone is familiar with these laws, so the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is spreading the word.