

Keep me safe

When I'm stopped by the side of the road with lights flashing:

- slow down to 60 km/h or obey the speed limit when it's below 60 km/h
- leave an empty lane between us if you can do so safely

For more information about this law, visit novascotia.ca/tran  @NS_TIR




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Why is this law necessary? Police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other emergency personnel are at risk when stopped on the roadside. This law helps protect them.

What should I do if I see an emergency responder pulled over with its lights flashing?

- On a road with two or more lanes in your direction, slow down to 60km/h or follow the speed limit if it's less and move over into a lane further away from the stopped vehicle if you can do so safely.
- On a road with one lane of travel for your direction, slow down to 60km/h or follow the speed limit if it's less and pass the emergency vehicle with caution.

What if the emergency responder is stopped on the other side of a divided highway? You do not need to slow down or move over if the emergency responder is on the other side.

What is the penalty if I do not follow the law? Fines are doubled for speeding past a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights flashing. The fines for not slowing to the designated speed or not moving over start at several hundred dollars for a first offence.

What if an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing and sirens on approaches my vehicle while I'm driving?

Emergency vehicles with flashing lights and sirens have the right of way. As the emergency vehicle approaches from ahead or behind, move to the right edge or curb of the road, stop completely and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed or until you are directed to move by a peace officer.

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