In Delaware, dozens of state and local emergency workers have been injured or killed by passing motorists while working outside of their vehicles. Delaware's Move Over law was enacted to help protect emergency workers including law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, firefighters, park rangers and Department of Transportation personnel. Violators of the Move Over law can be charged with a Class F Felony.

When you see emergency flashing lights...



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It's the Law!





"Move Over" Law Protects Emergency Responders, Roadside Workers and the Public

When motorists obey the Move Over Law and create a safety zone, they reduce the dangers to themselves and those who work along our highways.

Ask any emergency services worker and they will tell you that working along the side of the road can be extremely dangerous. A minor "fender-bender" or a stop to issue a traffic ticket can escalate into a serious crash. Hundreds of these public servants are injured or killed by passing motorists each year, and the danger extends to drivers and their passengers as well.

Forty-nine states, including Delaware, are working to keep everyone safe

The Move Over concept is simple. If you see an emergency or maintenance vehicle along the side of the road with lights flashing (blue, red, white, or amber), move over into a lane that is not next to the emergency. If a safe lane change is not possible, slow down to a safe speed while passing the emergency vehicle. This law applies to:

- Law enforcement vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks
- Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT) vehicles
- Tow trucks

Motorists who break the law and end up hurting an emergency service worker will be committing a felony and may face up to four years in prison.

MOVE OVER for Emergency Flashing Lights

On a multi-lane roadway... Move over a lane from the stopped vehicle(s) until you are safely past.

On a two-lane roadway...

Slow down below the posted speed limit until you have completely passed the stopped vehicle(s).