

Drive Safe

With Emergency Vehicles

Q: *What do I do when an emergency vehicle is approaching using lights and sirens?*

A: Stay calm and remember **S-I-R-E-N**:

S: Stay Alert

Drive defensively. Keep the noise level down in your car. Look for more than one approaching emergency vehicle.

I: Investigate

Check your rear-view mirror. Scan in front and on both sides of your vehicle. Try to estimate the closing speed of the emergency vehicle and plan your next move.

R: React

React quickly. Before pulling over, scan in all directions. Always use a turn signal when exiting the roadway. Don't suddenly slam on the brakes or pull over.

E: Enter

Before re-entering the roadway, make a visual sweep in all directions. Turn on your signal and gradually merge back into traffic.

N: Never

Don't stop at a place that doesn't have enough room to pull over safely. Never follow or try to outrun an emergency vehicle.

Q: *What do I do when an emergency vehicle is on the side of the road?*

A: Move over!

South Carolina law requires drivers to reduce speed and, if safe to do so, move over into an adjacent lane when passing stationary emergency vehicles, *including tow trucks and recovery vehicles.*

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SC was the first state to enact a "Move Over" law in 1996. Now, all 50 states have a "Move Over" law.