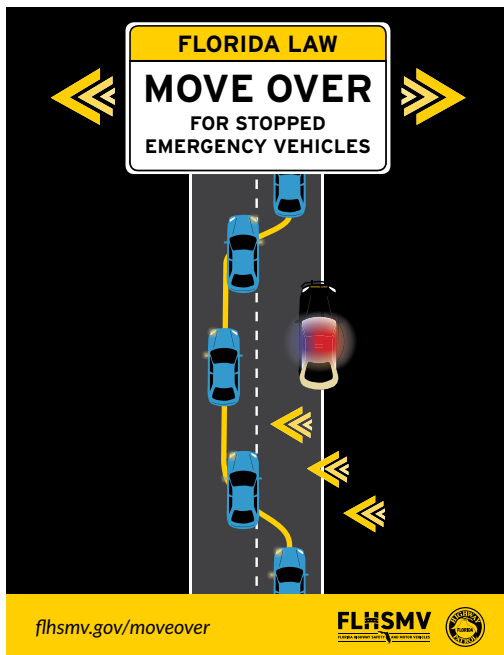


For more information, go to <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/driving-safety/move-over/>.

You can find the full text of the Move Over law, or any of Florida's laws, on the Online Sunshine website, located at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>.



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FL MOVE OVER LAW



PLEASE MOVE OVER

Public safety personnel are routinely struck and injured, or killed, by vehicles traveling at high speeds passing too closely to an emergency vehicle. Florida's Move Over law, enacted in 2002, was designed to prevent these types of crashes. As of 2012, all 50 states have some version of the Move Over law.

According to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles*, there were 1,896 crashes between January 2015 and November 2024 as the result of a driver failing to move over for an emergency, sanitation, or utility service vehicle. During that time, 8 fatalities and 141 serious injuries were reported. Since 2017, Florida law enforcement officers have written 129,525 citations for Move Over law violations.

*Statistics and more information can be found at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' website at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/driving-safety/move-over/move-over-crash-and-citation-dashboard/>



WHEN TO MOVE OVER

Florida Statute 316.126 says that if you encounter emergency, sanitation, utility service vehicles or wreckers on the roadside, you must move over.

If you are not able to move over - or when you are on a two-lane road - slow to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.

If the speed limit is 20 mph or less, you must slow down to 5 mph.

If you are driving on an interstate or roadway with multiple lanes of travel in the same direction, and you approach an emergency or law enforcement vehicle parked along the roadway, you must vacate the lane closest to that vehicle **as soon as it is safe to do so**.

If you are not able to safely move over, you must slow down to a speed of 20 mph below the posted speed limit unless directed otherwise by a law enforcement officer.



This is what happens when you don't Move Over.



VIOLATIONS

Failure to obey the Move Over law puts both yourself and a public safety professional at risk.

Violations of this law are considered a noncriminal traffic infraction and are punishable pursuant to Chapter 318 of the Florida State Statutes. Cited drivers will face a fine of \$129 (vehicle parked) or \$159 (vehicle moving), three points on their license, and any associated fees. Subsequent infractions may involve increased penalties.