

# Steer-Right → for Sirens & Lights



## Go Right, Drive Right, Steer Right or Move Right

- ✓ **Don't** panic and slam on the brakes.
  - ✓ **Don't** stop in, just before or just after a blind curve if that action completely paralyzes forward movement for the emergency vehicle. Keep moving until there is a path for the emergency vehicle to pass.
  - ✓ **Don't** stop on the uphill side, the downhill side or while cresting a steep hill on a two-lane road if that action completely paralyzes forward movement for the emergency vehicle. Keep moving until there is a path for the emergency vehicle to pass.
  - ✓ **Don't** stop in an intersection.
  - ✓ **Don't** follow within 500 feet after emergency vehicle(s) have passed.
  - ✓ **Don't** assume there is only one emergency vehicle.
  - ✓ **Don't** race ahead through a green light or turn before the emergency vehicle arrives.
  - ✓ **Don't** turn quickly to the left into a driveway or street.
  - ✓ **Don't** drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches.
  - ✓ **Do** be alert when you see a fire engine or a medic unit coming out of its station, pull to the right-hand side and stop. The law requires you to pull to the right-hand side and yield to an emergency vehicle, even before it gets on the road.
  - ✓ **Do** pull parallel to the right-hand edge or curb and stop.
  - ✓ **Do** remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed.
  - ✓ **Do** move over or slow down when approaching stationary emergency vehicles with lights activated.
  - ✓ **Do** keep a foot on the brake to alert the emergency vehicle driver that your vehicle is stopped or is stopping. Once stopped, remain stopped.
  - ✓ **Do** provide three feet clearance when passing a cyclist. (New Ohio State law effective 3-22-2017)
  - ✓ **Do** pull over into the right lane as the traffic in the lane to your right moves over.
  - ✓ **Do** remember that funeral processions are classified as emergency vehicles. Drivers are required to yield to funeral escort vehicles displaying proper audio or visual signals.
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- ❖ **If you are walking**, you also have responsibilities. Get off the road way as much as possible. If you are about to cross, stay where you are. It is difficult for most motorists to see you in normal circumstances. When an emergency vehicle is approaching, they may be focused on finding the emergency and may not scan to see you.
  - ❖ **If there is one emergency vehicle, there may be more.** Don't assume it is safe to enter an intersection just because the fire engine, police car or ambulance has come through. Be alert and scan for the approach of others.
  - ❖ **Just because an emergency vehicle is not running sirens & lights** does not mean they do not have a patient on board. Ambulances transport patients, and assume a patient is on board even without sirens & lights. Please give them the same courtesy you would like if you were onboard.