

# Move over law

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# MOVE OVER... IT'S THE LAW!



**Move over law:** North Carolina's Move Over law protects law enforcement officers and emergency and utility workers stopped alongside our highways. In January, 2002, the state's Move Over law took effect requiring motorists, if they can safely do so, to move one lane away from any law enforcement or other emergency vehicle that is on the side of the highway. This law includes utility vehicles, electric, cable, telephone, communications, gas, and all state vehicles with an amber light that are on the side of the road. The utility vehicles are required to have a flashing amber-colored light.

The law requires motorists to slow down and approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped on the shoulder of the roadway with its lights flashing. Motorists are required to move over to another lane away from the emergency vehicle on a multi-lane highway or to slow down on a two lane highway when they can do so safely. Motorists must slow down while maintaining a safe speed. G.S. 20-157 (f).

A violation of the move over law will result in a mandatory fine of \$250.00 plus court costs.

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