



MOVE OVER MARYLAND It's the Law!

Maryland's Move Over Law Fact Sheet

- **Effective October 1, 2018**, Maryland's Move Over law expands to add protection for drivers of **service/utility vehicles (one or more yellow/amber flashing lights or signal devices)**.
- These new vehicles include:
 - **Vehicles of federal, state or local agencies including Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and Maryland Transportation Authority vehicles** (bucket, dump and snow removal trucks, highway maintenance and service vehicles)
 - **AAA battery service trucks**
 - **Public service company trucks** such as BGE, PEPCO, telephone and cable providers
 - **Waste and recycling trucks, rural letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles**
 - **Vehicles used by contractors performing work for federal, state, or local governments.**
- Maryland's original Move Over law became effective in 2010 with protection for vehicles with red flashing lights including law enforcement, emergency medical services and MDOT SHA CHART Emergency Response vehicles. In 2014, the law expanded to include tow trucks.
- The Move Over law requires drivers approaching an emergency vehicle, tow truck, and now service vehicle (from the rear) that is stopped, standing, or parked on a highway with red or yellow/amber lights flashing to, if possible, move over a lane. This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made safely and without impeding other traffic.
- If the driver is unable to make a lane change, the law requires drivers to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions while passing the emergency or service vehicle.
- The purpose of Maryland's Move Over law is to save the lives of our police officers, emergency response workers, tow truck operators, and now public service workers, by providing an extra barrier of safety for them as they work along Maryland roads.
- All states, with the exception of the District of Columbia, have a Move Over law protecting emergency response vehicles and tow truck operators. Maryland now joins 27 other states that offer some version of protection to service/utility vehicles.
- **Violating the Move Over law is a misdemeanor that can result in a fine of \$110 and one point.**
 - If the violation **contributes to a traffic crash**, the fine is **\$150 and three points**;
 - If the traffic crash **results in death or serious injury**, the fine is **\$750 and three points**.