

# Lights and Sirens

What to do when you are stopped by the police



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# Emergency vehicles (police, fire engine, ambulance) have priority (also called "the right of way").



- If their lights or sirens are on, you **MUST** move as far to the right as you can, quickly and safely and wait until they pass by.
- Do not follow an emergency vehicle from close behind.
- Move to the right even if the emergency vehicle is coming from the opposite direction.
- If an emergency vehicle is attending to an accident anywhere on the road, you **MUST** slow down. Give them room to work safely.



If you get stopped by a police officer  
(also called "get pulled over"):

- If their lights or sirens are on you must **pull over**.
- Not all police cars are black and white.
- Don't panic. It could be for something very simple, like a broken back light.

# Pull over



Choose a safe place to pull over. It is okay to drive a short distance to a spot where you are not blocking traffic and where the officer has room to safely approach your car.

Turn on your turn signal or hazard lights to let the officer know you intend to comply, and are not just trying to avoid them.

# Prepare



- Shut off your vehicle and keep your hands on the steering wheel.  

If the officer can clearly see your hands, they don't have to worry about what you might be doing. If you are reaching for something, they may misinterpret your actions.
- Do not open your car door unless the officer tells you to.
- Roll down your window as they approach the car. If your window is broken, make sure that you communicate this clearly to the officer when they arrive at the door.

# Be Polite



- You are required by law to provide your license, registration and proof of insurance.
- Be honest and ask for an explanation if something is unclear.
- Do not make excuses or argue. If you disagree with the citation (ticket), you will have the opportunity later to explain your side in court. Accepting a citation does not mean you are saying you are guilty.

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- **P**repare
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