

## THE GOAL

The Emergency Vehicle Awareness Project is a privately funded campaign to make all drivers more aware of their responsibilities on the approach of an emergency vehicle. By doing so emergency providers will be better able to respond in emergencies with a minimum of delay thereby potentially being able to save lives and property.

## THE LAW

The British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act Section 177 states:

*“On the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle giving an audible signal by a bell, siren or exhaust whistle, and showing a visible flashing red light, except when otherwise directed by a peace officer, a driver must yield the right of way, and immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the nearest edge or curb of the roadway, clear of an intersection, and stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed.”*

## YOU CAN HELP! HERE’S HOW...

- Signal, pull over to the nearest edge of the road on the approach of an emergency vehicle and stop.
- In an intersection- move out of the intersection if it is safe to do so, and then stop at the edge of the road until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- Check for additional emergency vehicles before pulling back out onto the roadway.
- Use your rear view mirror(s) frequently to monitor for emergency vehicles approaching from the rear.
- You may see an emergency vehicle before you hear it. Be attentive to the flashing lights. It will give you more time to select a safe place to pull over.

## THE BENEFITS

- Emergency responders will be able to arrive on scene sooner to help those in need faster
- Cooperating drivers on the highway help to lessen the stress encountered by emergency vehicle operators during an emergency response
- Drivers avoid prosecution for ‘failing to yield to an emergency vehicle’



# “Help Us Help You!”

1. **Pull over**
2. **Stop**
3. **Wait**

*“The next life we try to save may be yours!”*

*“We can’t help you if we can’t get there”*

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