



IOWA LAW - 321.323A

Approaching certain stationary vehicles.

(Effective July 1, 2002)

"Move Over, Slow Down"



1. The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary authorized vehicle that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, red, or red and blue lights shall proceed in one of the following manners, absent any other direction by a peace officer.

- a. Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible in the existing safety and traffic conditions.
- b. If a lane change under paragraph "a" would be impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe; reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

2. The law also applies to operators of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary towing or recovery vehicle, or a stationary highway maintenance vehicle, that is displaying flashing yellow, amber or red lights

Fine

For a violation under Section 321.323A or Section 321.324, the scheduled fine is fifty dollars (\$50).

The Iowa State Patrol appreciates your assistance and compliance with these guidelines and laws to ensure the safety of the public and Iowa law enforcement.

Mission Statement

To preserve lives, rights and property through



Courtesy
Service
Protection

Iowa State Patrol Offices

District #1

260 N.W. 48th Place
Des Moines, IA 50313
515-725-0010

District #2

1619 Truro Pavement
Osceola, IA 50213
641-342-2108

District #3

2025 Hunt Ave.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-328-8001

District #4

P.O. Box 216
Denison, IA 51442
712-263-4621

District #5

5116 Highway 3
Cherokee, IA 51012
712-225-5119

District #6

503 W. 44th Street
Spencer, IA 51301
712-262-1424

District #7

RR5, 2437 235th St.
Fort Dodge, IA 51501
515-972-4213

District #8

R.R. #1 Eisenhower Ave.
Mason City, IA 50401
515-424-3625

District #9

1510 West 1st Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-266-2677

District #10

15239 - 35th Street
Oelwein, IA 50662
319-283-5521

District #11

5400 - 16th Ave S.W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
319-396-1944

District #12

22365 20th Ave
Stockton, IA 52769
563-284-9501

District #13

Highway 218 South
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
319-385-8715

District #14

2331 Roemer Ave
Ottumwa, IA 52501
641-682-4589

District #15

5912 NW 2nd Ave
Des Moines, IA 50313
515-281-6176

District #16

Lucas State Office Bldg.
Des Moines, IA 50319
515-281-5608

BLUE LIGHT

What should you do?

RED LIGHT



Non-Emergency
1-800-525-5555

Travel Information - 511

EMERGENCY - 911



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What you must do when you're pulled over



An officer will signal you with flashing lights and/or siren.

If you question whether the person is actually an officer, pull over in a public or well-lit area. If he or she does not identify himself or herself, ask for identification.

What's required when I'm being stopped?

Immediately pull off the traveled portion of the roadway, as far right as possible and clear of any intersection.

Stay in your car.

Do not get out of the car and approach the officer. The officer will come to you. They may approach your vehicle on either side, depending on their safety as well as yours and your passengers.

What will the officer do while I'm waiting? After pulling to the side of the roadway behind you, the officer will notify dispatch personnel of the traffic stop, the location of the stop, and request registration information. The officer will approach your vehicle while looking for signs of anything that might indicate criminal activity or a threat to the officer or citizen safety.

Sit quietly with your hands visible. Remain calm. Don't begin looking for paperwork you expect the officer to request. The officer will give you time when they are requested.

Follow the officer's directions. The officer will ask you to either roll down your window or exit your vehicle. You may also be directed to a different location.



Are you carrying weapons? It is much safer for you and the officer if you immediately inform the officer of the presence of weapons. Then follow the officer's directions.



Do not reach toward it!

Have your paperwork within reach. Current registration, insurance, and driver's license should be within reach and accessible. It must also be current. You can be cited for not having this information available and current.



The enforcement action. The officer will return to his/her vehicle and complete the necessary documentation. It may take several minutes. Be patient.



The conclusion of the stop. The officer will explain the documentation and enforcement measures taken. You will be asked for your signature on the completed documents. Your signature is not an acknowledgment of guilt. When the officer is finished he or she will help you back into traffic.

Innocence/guilt or unfair treatment by the officer. Instructions for pleading guilty or not guilty are printed on the back of the citation. If you feel the officer treated you poorly, ask for the officer's agency, name and badge number. Then contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. All complaints will be investigated.

