

what to do during a roadside emergency



every situation is different

› prepare › assess › use good judgment › stay vigilant

IF THERE IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY

› Do everything you can to get your vehicle off the highway

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE

› Remain buckled and facing forward

IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE

› Do not stand near the vehicle

› Move to higher ground, or behind a guardrail/embankment

If you need help, contact roadside assistance. If you're on an interstate call #77 or 9-1-1 if it is an emergency and wait until help arrives.



To avoid roadside emergencies and unnecessary stopping on roadways, motorists should first and foremost verify their vehicle is in good working condition before traveling.

VEHICLE CHECKLIST

- Properly Inflated Tires
- Plenty of Windshield Washer Fluid
- Inspected Belts and Hoses
- Filled Radiator
- Good Spare Tire
- Enough Fuel
- Ensure the Engine Has No Known Malfunctions
- Emergency Kit
(including reflective triangles, a flashing warning light, flashlight, jumper cables, temporary flat tire repair, a blanket, water and a reflective vest)



MARYLAND'S MOVE OVER LAW

It's Maryland Law to move over when approaching ANY stopped, standing, or parked vehicle displaying warning signals — including hazard warning lights, road flares, or other caution signals including traffic cones, caution signs, or non-vehicular warning signs. If it is not safe or feasible to move over, motorists must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

The law is in place to protect law enforcement, emergency responders, and any motorist that may encounter a roadside emergency and must stop near travel lanes.