

TZD Tuesday | Sept. 6, 2022 – Left Lane Law

The [Minnesota Left Lane Law](#) says that drivers can use the left lane to pass slower moving vehicles but must move back into the right lane when practicable. In other words, if you need to pass someone, do so in the left lane – but then get back in the right lane when safe to do so. It is important to note that the law doesn't allow drivers to exceed the speed limit to pass. The law's language was modernized in 2019, and it's designed to help eliminate road rage incidents that occur when drivers block the flow of traffic in the left lane. Violating the left-lane law comes with a \$50 fine.

Keeping the left lane clear has benefits:

- Reduces motorists' stress on the road by increasing efficiency.
- Decreases the possibility of road rage.
- Traffic flows best when everyone is driving about the same speed.

Next time you're driving down a highway or interstate with four or more lanes, remember to pass in the left lane and drive in the right lane. Keeping the left lane clear for those who are passing will make the road safer for all drivers. Working together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.