



### Move Over Law Saves Lives

By moving over and slowing down, Ohio drivers dramatically reduce the risk of harmful and even fatal crashes with stationary vehicles and people alongside the road.

- In the state of Ohio:

There have been 546 related crashes thus far in 2021 causing 21 deaths and another 59 serious injuries.

Between 2015-2020, there were 5,561 total Move Over related crashes in Ohio, of which:

- 43% involved police/law enforcement,
- 41% involved public utility/construction/maintenance,
- 10% involved fire/ambulance,
- 3% involved towing vehicles,
- And 3% involved other vehicle types.

### Distracted Driving is a Contributor to Move Over Law

Research shows that distracted driving is correlated with violations of the Move Over Law. In addition to moving over and slowing down, drivers should also always pay attention and be alert in order to prevent Move Over crashes.

- A research study conducted by The Ohio State University in 2020 found that:

24% of participants reported that when they hadn't moved over, it was because they didn't notice the lights at all or in time.

Drivers that reported greater unsafe driving behavior (i.e., speeding, talking on phone and manual use of phone) were more likely to report not noticing lights.

- Data from ODOT from 2015-19 found that:

74% of crashes occurred on straight roads.

Less than half of crashes occurred at night, meaning over half occurred during daylight and with greater visibility.

