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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Emergency Vehicles**.

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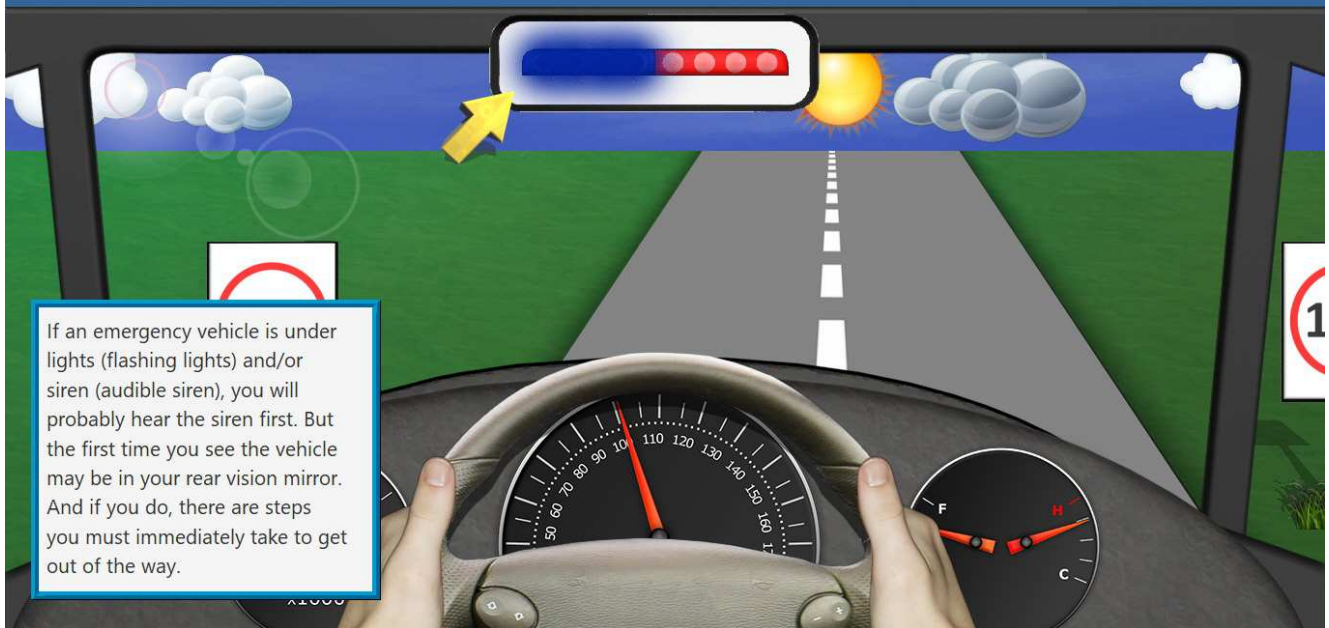
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Emergency vehicles - fire, ambulance, and police - play a very important role in our society. They quite often need to get somewhere in a hurry, and as a driver and a citizen, you must follow certain guidelines when they around so they can do just that.



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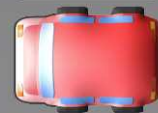
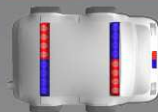
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What to do. According to the law, here is what to do if you see an emergency vehicle under lights or siren behind you. Move out of its path as soon as you can do so safely, by:

- Slowing down.
- Moving left to give the vehicle a clear run down the middle of the road. If you can't move left safely, stay where you are and let the emergency vehicle overtake you.
- Not moving your vehicle suddenly.
- Not driving into the path of the emergency vehicle.

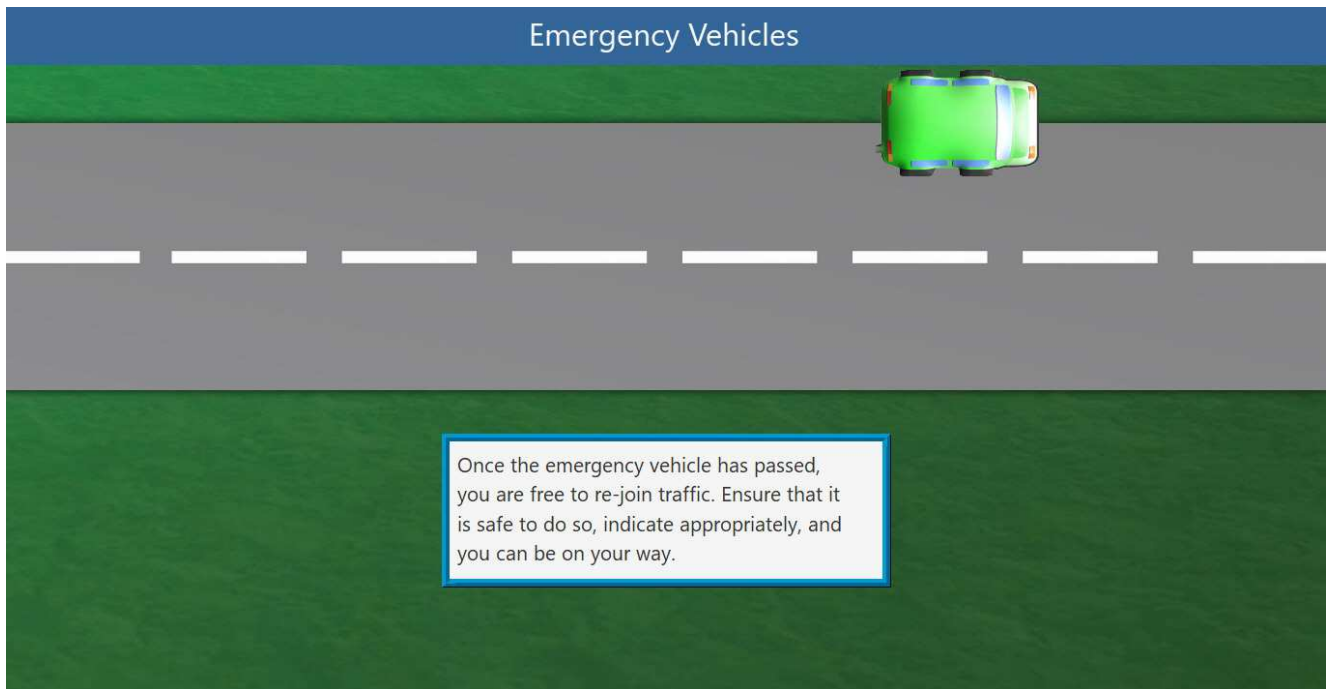


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Pulling Over. Above, the green car pulls over to the left of the road as it notices the grey police car behind it under lights and sirens. It cannot pull over fully off the lane, so it pulls over as far as is safe, and lets the emergency vehicle overtake.

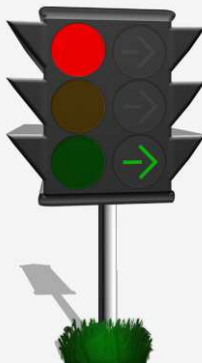
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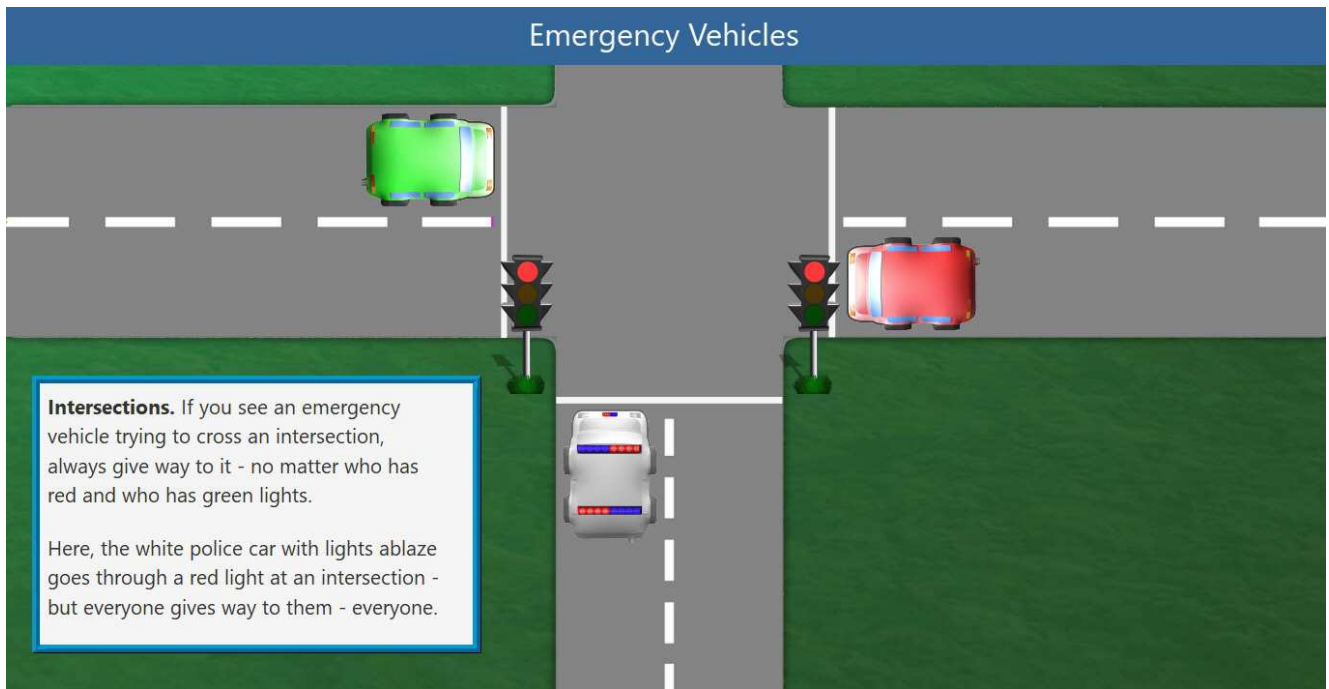
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Red Lights. If it is absolutely necessary in order to allow an emergency vehicle to get around you, you are allowed to drive onto the wrong side of the road, or even drive through red traffic lights - if you feel it is safe to do so.

If you are going to try the above, ensure you take the utmost care in doing so. If it is too dangerous, you can only move over to the left as far as you can in the hope the vehicle can squeeze past you on the right.



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The Siren. We mentioned that hearing a siren may be the first thing you notice about an emergency vehicle in the vicinity. If you hear one, take a look around to see if you may be in the way, and start making preparations if so.

If you see other cars behind, in front of, and around you, pulling off the road, they may have seen the emergency vehicle - and it looks like you might have to get out of the way as well.



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Other Means. There are other ways you may be asked to stop or pull over for emergencies, emergency vehicles, or for the police. These include:

- Police officers on the roadside.
- A police vehicle.
- Red/blue flashing lights.
- Police using signs.

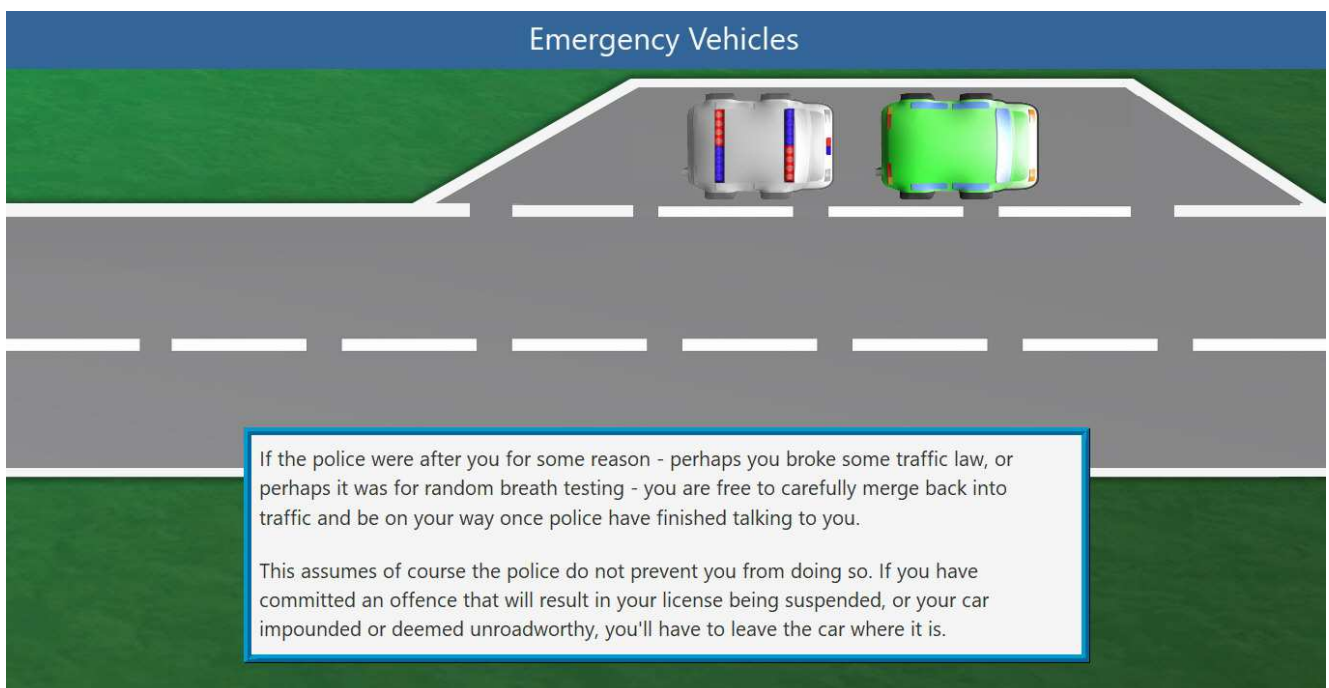
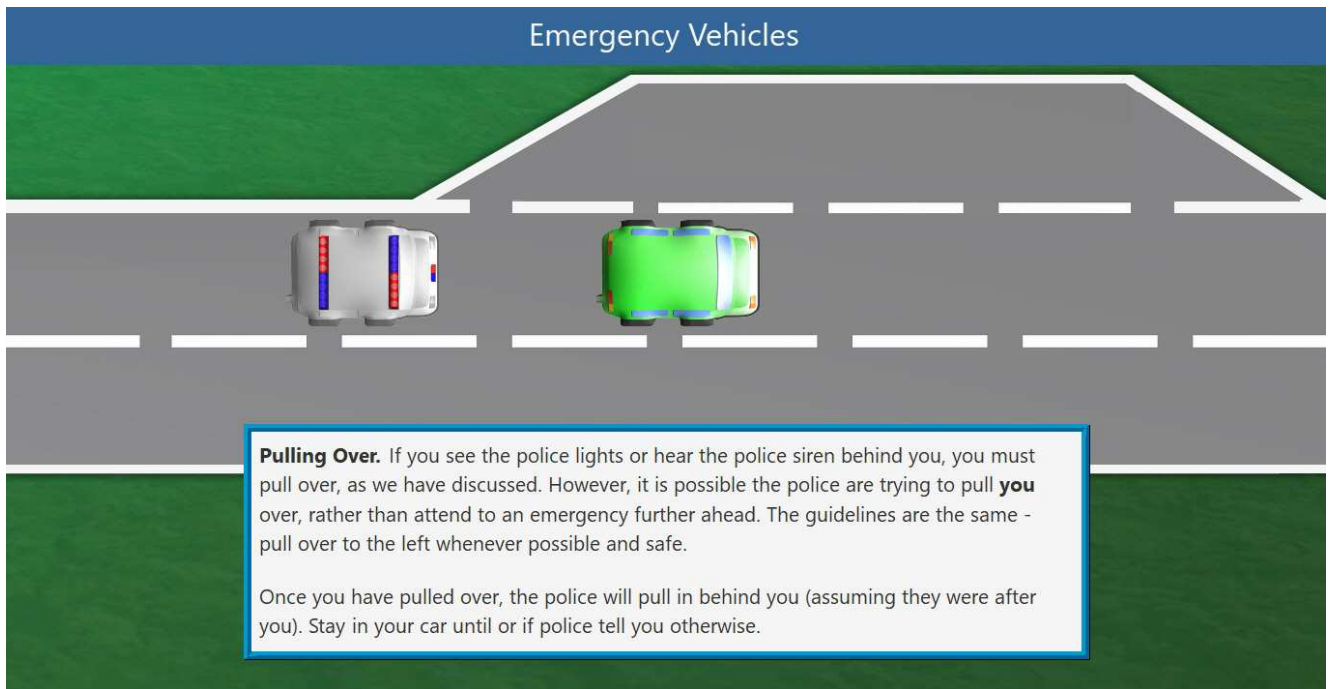


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Fines. Failing to give way to emergency vehicles will result in a fine if caught.



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When Police Can Pull You Over. First and foremost, police in all states can pull you over at any time. This is thanks to random breath testing laws, which allow police to test anyone at any time.

So, while you may be pulled over for a traffic infringement, it may be purely for the purposes of a breath test.

You cannot refuse a breath test. The penalties you will face for refusing such a test rival the penalties metered out for high range drink driving.

We cover this in more detail in the lesson called **Your Rights**.



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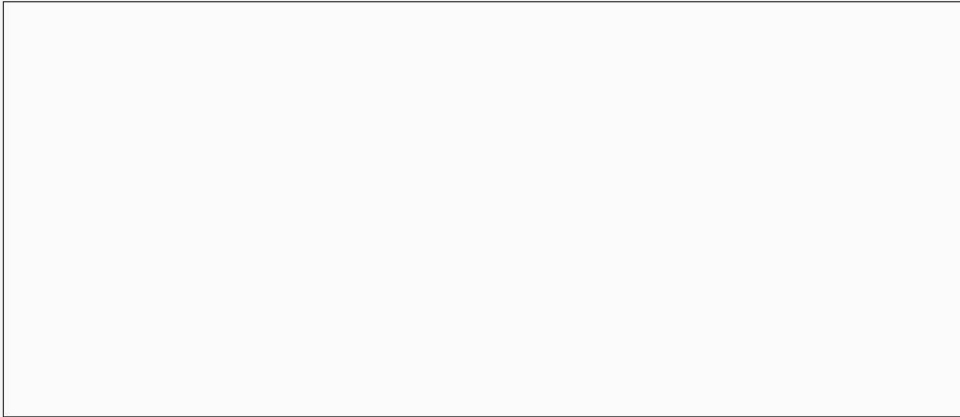
In this lesson, we looked at **Emergency Vehicles**. This included:

- Emergency Vehicles.
- The Rear-view Mirror.
- What to do, and Pulling Over.
- Other Means.
- Red Lights.
- Intersections.
- The Siren.
- Fines.

[FINISH LESSON](#)

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