

Georgia has a new law. This new law (O. C. G. A. 40-6-16) is designed to help protect the lives and safety of police officers, fire fighter, EMS personnel, emergency response professionals, and highway construction workers.

This new law requires drivers to safely change lanes or slow down when they are in a lane adjacent to a stationary emergency vehicle that is using flashing blue, red, amber, yellow, or clear emergency lights.

What does this mean for you?

- If you are traveling a lane that is adjacent to a stationary authorized emergency vehicle with its emergency lights on; and you can safely and legally change to a non-adjacent lane, you are now required to change lanes to a non-adjacent lane.
- If you cannot legally or it is unsafe or impossible to do so, then you are required to slow down to below the posted speed limit and **be prepared to stop**.



We can all work together to save lives.



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