



POLICE PORTAL

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The RCMP would like to remind the driving public that you MUST yield to emergency vehicles - Police, Fire, and Ambulance, that are responding to emergency situations with their emergency lights activated! Emergency services in the Placentia area continue to experience potentially hazardous situations in which drivers fail to yield or improperly yield when being approached/passed by emergency vehicles.

The Highway Traffic Act for Newfoundland and Labrador states that on the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle that displays flashing lights and sirens, a driver shall yield the right of way to the emergency vehicle, pull the vehicle as close as possible to the right side of the road, and stop and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.

Additionally, upon approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped in a lane or on the edge or shoulder of the road, the driver of a vehicle travelling in the same direction is required to reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is at least 30 km less than the speed limit, to stop if necessary, to pass the emergency vehicle only when safe to do so, and to change lanes if there is another lane available for travelling in the same direction. Otherwise, the driver must place as much distance as possible between the vehicle and the emergency vehicle if it is safe to do so.

Please note that if the speed limit is less than 60 km/hr, the driver must reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed not greater than 30 km/hr.

Failure to follow these requirements of the Highway Traffic Act can lead to emergency services personnel being placed at increased risk of injury and prevent timely response to emergency situations!!

Charges under the Highway Traffic Act can and will be laid where drivers fail to comply with these requirements.

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