



Fact Sheet

- Move-over laws require motorists traveling on multi-lane roadways to, when practical, merge away from a vehicle working on the side of the highway to provide an empty travel lane of safety for the worker. If not practical (either due to traffic volume or road design), the motorist must slow significantly below the posted speed limit while passing the roadside worker.
- In 2005, 390 workers were killed in struck-by incidents, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), accounting for seven percent of all fatal occupational injuries.
- According to FBI statistics, law enforcement officers being struck and killed is a major cause of law enforcement deaths.
- ResponderSafety.com reports an average of two emergency responders are struck each day.
- A recent Ohio State Highway Patrol study found 55 percent of officer-involved struck-by incidents involved serious injury or fatalities and 60 percent occurred on high-speed, high volume interstate highways.
- In 2005 and 2006, 11 AAA roadside problem solvers were killed in roadside accidents.
- 41 states currently have some form of move-over laws.
- Only 24 states include roadside service vehicles (tow trucks) in their move-over laws.
- AAA roadside problem solvers respond to 29 million calls for assistance each year.
- AAA and emergency responders want to encourage all motorists to engage in safe driving behavior—slowing down and/or moving over—whether or not it's required by law.