

New Laws For Safely Passing Emergency Vehicles, Tow Trucks and Construction Zones *(Effective Oct. 31, 2005)*

TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT

115(2) A person shall not do any of the following:

Construction Zones

(p.1) drive a vehicle on a portion of a highway that is under construction or repair or is in a state of disrepair at a speed that is greater than the maximum speed limit established or prescribed under section 108(1)(g)* for that portion of highway;

(p.2) drive a vehicle on a portion of a highway at a speed that is greater than the maximum speed limit established or prescribed under section 108(1)(g)* for that portion of highway where there are persons present on the highway who are constructing or repairing that portion of highway or who are directing traffic in connection with the construction or repair of that portion of highway;

Emergency Vehicles / Tow Trucks

(t) subject to subsection (4), drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than 60 kilometres per hour, or the maximum speed limit established or prescribed for that highway under

- (i) this Act,
- (ii) the *Government Property Traffic Act* (Canada), or
- (iii) the *National Parks Act* (Canada),

whichever is lower, if the vehicle

- (iv) is travelling on the same side of the highway as a stopped emergency vehicle or tow truck, and
- (v) is passing the stopped emergency vehicle or tow truck when its flashing lamps are operating.

(4) Subsection (2)(t) does not apply if there are 2 or more traffic lanes for traffic moving in the same direction as the vehicle and there is at least one traffic lane between the driver's vehicle and the stopped emergency vehicle or tow truck.

*Section 108(1)(g) of the *Traffic Safety Act* refers to anyone authorized to place speed signs on a highway



What motorists need to know about

new laws for safely passing emergency vehicles, tow trucks and construction zones

Effective October 31, 2005, new legislation makes it safer for police officers, firefighters, ambulance workers, tow truck operators and construction workers on Alberta's roads.

- Motorists must slow to 60 km/h, or less if the posted speed is lower, when passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped with their lights flashing. Fines for speeding in these areas will be doubled.
- In construction zones, motorists must observe the posted speed. When workers are present, fines for speeding in these areas will be doubled.

For more information on this legislation visit infra.gov.ab.ca.

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