

PAUL GARDNER – MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN TRANSCRIPT

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(Peppy music plays while introductory slides show the Institute for Transportation and Iowa Department of Transportation logos and then the video title of “Move Over, Slow Down”)

[00:06] [Speaker – Paul Gardner, Iowa State Patrol Officer]:

(Music quiets)

If you’re driving down the road and you see a vehicle pulled over with a police car behind it, make sure that you’re moving over into the, into the other lane, slowing down, moving over. You have to be at a speed below the speed limit, where you’re prepared to stop, because that’s our workspace right there.

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(Brief b-roll video shows a driver’s perspective of moving their vehicle into the left lane to avoid a pulled over vehicle and an Iowa State Patrol car and officer)

So, we just want to keep us safe, people we’re stopping safe. Not only does that apply to police officers on traffic stops, but it applies to crash scenes. It applies to maintenance vehicles.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of a Highway Helper truck with an LED warning display from the perspective of the left lane of a highway that also has an overhead LED sign on a bridge warning drivers of a “stalled vehicle ahead, rt shoulder closed”)

You might have road work being done, lights flashing on the side of the road. Even if somebody has a flat tire and they have their four-way flashers on, by law, people are still supposed to give them the room to work as well. So, move over, slow down when you encounter flashing lights on the side of the road.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of a shoulder of a roadway with a sheriff’s vehicle with lights flashing behind another vehicle that appears to be about to be loaded onto a tow truck, with a braking sedan driving in the left lane)

If you’re on a four-lane divided highway going the opposite way, you do not have to yield to them, because your traffic doesn’t affect what they’re doing and where they’re going. However, if you’re on a two-lane highway or maybe even like a city street, you need to pull over to the right and let them pass by you. Once they’re past you, then you can proceed.

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(Video briefly dips to black)

We get frequently asked about school bus violations and passing school buses.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of two young people with backpacks who appear to be walking in front of a school bus that has its stop sign outstretched with an SUV that appears to have ignored the stop sign because its slightly ahead of the bus)

Obviously, it's a very dangerous situation. Kids are put at risk because they're crossing the street...

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of a half-dozen young people of different school ages with backpacks who appear to be walking in front of a school bus that has its stop sign outstretched)

...when they're either being picked up or dropped off by a school bus. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction, you must stop.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a graphic with left-side text reading "Required Stopping for School Buses" and then a top-right illustration of an overhead view of a two-lane highway that has a bus in one lane that has its stop sign outstretched and demonstrating the vehicles traveling behind and passing the bus are required to stop and a bottom-right illustration of an overhead view of a two-lane highway with a center turn lane that has a bus that has its stop sign outstretched in one lane and demonstrating that vehicles in all three lanes are required to stop)

If you are following the bus, you can't pass, regardless of the speed or whether it's stopped or not, when the amber lights or the red lights are flashing.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of the back of a school bus with a stop sign outstretched at both the front and back driver's side of the bus and a vehicle that appears to be stopped behind the bus)

So, once you see those red lights when you're following the bus, you can't pass it from behind at any time.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a graphic with left-side text reading "Required Stopping for School Buses" and then a top-right illustration of an overhead view of a three-lane highway that has a bus that has its stop sign outstretched in one lane and demonstrating the vehicles traveling behind and passing the bus are required to stop and a bottom-right illustration of an overhead view of a four-lane highway that has a bus that has its stop sign outstretched in one lane and demonstrating that vehicles in both lanes traveling the same direction are required to stop behind the bus but the vehicles traveling in the opposite direction may continue driving)

Same applies with on a three-lane highway; on a divided four-lane highway, that would not apply. So, if you're going the opposite direction as the school bus has stopped on the other side of the roadway, you do not have to stop at that time.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of a gravel roadway with grass on the side of the road with additional text that states, "In Iowa, rural teen crashes are nearly five times more likely to lead to a fatal or severe injury" and credited to "Peek-Asa, C., C. Britton, T. Young, M. Pawlovich, and S. Falb. 2010. Teenage driver crash incidence and factors influencing crash injury by rurality. Journal of Safety Research, Vol. 41, No. 6, pp. 487–492.")

And, if you do frequently travel secondary roads, especially during those times of year in the spring and fall, your attention is paramount, because you may encounter a slow-moving vehicle just within a moment's notice.

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(Brief b-roll zooms in on a still image of a two-lane rural highway with the side of a tractor with additional text that states, "In Iowa, about one in 25 farm vehicle collisions are when a motor vehicle is trying to pass" and credited to "Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/5134>.")

You may crest a hill and next thing you know, there's a tractor in the front of you. So, make sure that you're paying attention to the roadway, driving the appropriate speed, driving the speed limit. Make sure you're buckled up.

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(Video of Paul Gardner fades to black as louder peppy music resumes, while outro slides provide a disclaimer that reads, "This video was developed by the Institute for Transportation (InTrans) at Iowa State University for the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) with the purpose to provide the material for driver education instructors in Iowa. InTrans is responsible for the facts and the accuracy of the information presented herein as of May 1, 2025. Driver education instructors may use the material in its entirety or may use any of the material individually. The material is for educational purposes only. It is strictly prohibited to sell any part of this video. If any of the material is reused, please credit the Iowa DOT. For more information or questions, please contact Vania Boyd, Driver Education and Motorcycle Rider Education Manager, Iowa DOT, Vania.boyd@iowadot.us." and show the Institute for Transportation and Iowa Department of Transportation logos)