



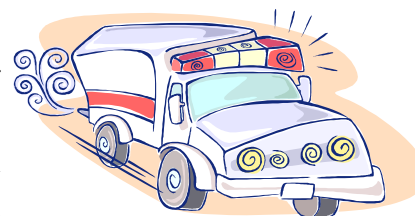
SEMSA HEALTH & SAFETY ZONE



YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES

What do you do when you see an emergency vehicle approaching with its lights and siren on? This is one of the most troublesome problems encountered by emergency service providers and sometimes one of the most confusing for motorists.

When an emergency vehicle is heard and or seen, motorists should carefully pull their vehicles to the right of the road and STOP. Motorists should remain stopped and wait until they are certain all emergency vehicles have passed. The law is very specific; motorists must yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle. Motorists must stay at least 300 feet behind emergency vehicles. If approaching an emergency vehicle that has stopped on the side of a highway, reduce speed to an absolute maximum of 60 km/hr. Proceed with caution.



Drivers of emergency vehicles know that they cannot help anyone if they do not get there! Generally emergency drivers will move left, since other motorists are supposed to move right. Sometimes due to traffic conditions, they may have to travel in opposing lanes. This is why it is so important for motor-

ists to respect emergency response vehicles by moving out of the way and STOPPING. That will provide the space needed and ideally give an escape route if something goes wrong.

When you or someone you care about needs the help of an emergency responder, you will be thankful for the motorists who did not impede response and allow their safe and prompt arrival.

Remember, Safety Sheldon wants you to “Help Us Help You” and DRIVE SAFE!



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