

YIELD

to emergency vehicles,
construction workers and
funeral processions.



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“Emergency personnel, construction workers and motorists in funeral processions deserve our utmost respect and consideration on the road. Be a cautious and considerate driver, and observe all traffic safety laws when sharing the road with others.”

— Secretary of State Jesse White

Construction /Work Zones

When approaching or entering a highway construction or maintenance area, Illinois law requires motorists to:

- slow down;
- discontinue wireless/cellphone use (unless using a hands-free device that may include the use of a single-sided headset);
- yield to any authorized vehicles or workers in the area; and
- change to a lane away from the workers when possible and proceed with caution.

Emergency/Maintenance Vehicles

When approaching a stopped emergency/maintenance vehicle using lights, Illinois law requires motorists to:

- yield; and
- change to a lane away from the emergency workers when possible and proceed with caution.

If a lane change is not possible, reduce speed and proceed with caution.

When being approached by an emergency vehicle using lights and sirens, Illinois law requires motorists to immediately pull to the right side of the road and allow the emergency vehicle to pass. In some cases a complete stop may be necessary to allow the emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, remain stopped until the emergency vehicle passes.

Illinois law prohibits photography and the use of wireless/cellphones within 500 feet of an emergency scene.

Funeral Processions

Motorists encountering a funeral procession must yield the right of way to all vehicles in the procession. Motorists should NOT:

- drive between vehicles in a procession, except when required to do so by a law enforcement officer;
- join a funeral procession for the purpose of securing the right of way; or
- attempt to pass any vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided.

Local municipalities may impound a vehicle that interferes with a funeral procession due to reckless driving.