

Comparison of Laws Concerning Emergency Vehicles

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<p>Current Law Concerning Approach of Emergency Vehicle (RCW 46.61.210)</p> <p>When an emergency vehicle is making use of audio AND visual signals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers must immediately drive to the right edge of the road clear of any intersection and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed (unless otherwise directed by a police officer) <p>Fine: \$1,062</p>	<p>Law Concerning Approach of Emergency Vehicle After Jan 1 (RCW 46.61.210)</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>When an emergency vehicle is making use of audio AND visual signals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers must immediately drive to the right edge of the road clear of any intersection and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed (unless otherwise directed by a police officer) <p>Fine: \$1,062</p>																																																												

* Emergency Zone is defined as the adjacent lanes of roadway 200 feet before and after the emergency vehicle.