
C. Traffic Stops

Law enforcement officers issue written traffic citations to persons who are charged with violating the Maryland Motor Vehicle Law. You must follow the directions of the officer at the time of the stop or you may be subject to arrest.

If you are stopped by a police officer:

- Pull off to the side of the roadway as far away from traffic as possible. Turn on your flashers.
- Turn off your engine and radio, and roll down your window so you can communicate with the officer.
- Stay in your vehicle and keep your seat belt fastened.
- Keep your hands in plain view – preferably on the steering wheel. Do not make any movement that will make the officer think you are hiding or reaching for something.
- If the officer issues you a citation, do not argue with the officer about the citation. You will have your chance to make your case if you go to court.

D. Move Over Law

Motorists in Maryland must move over when approaching any vehicles while they are stopped, standing, or parked on a highway with their lights flashing. If it is not safe or feasible to move over, motorists must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

Violating the law is a misdemeanor carrying a \$110 fine and one point on your license. If the violation causes a crash, the fine is \$150 and three points. If there is a death or serious injury, the fine is \$750 and three points.