Newfoundland and Labrador is implementing a new move over law. The law, designed to protect those who drive emergency and other designated vehicles, requires drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a designated vehicle that is stopped in a lane or on the edge/shoulder of a roadway.

Vehicle on the shoulder in a double lane

Where there is another lane going in the same direction, and only if it is safe to do so, slow down and change lanes so that there is a full lane between you and the designated vehicle.

Vehicle on the shoulder in a single lane

If a lane change is not possible, remain in the lane you are travelling but put as much distance as possible between you and the designated vehicle.

Designated vehicles include:
- police
- fire
- ambulance
- search and rescue
- tow truck/roadside assistance
- municipal, provincial or federal enforcement
- public utility vehicles and/or service vehicles.

All vehicles must be equipped with and operating flashing red, blue or amber lights or have other traffic warning signals displayed.

The move over law comes into effect on March 10, 2014. Failure to slow down and move over can result in fines ranging from $300 to $900, and a penalty of four demerit points. For more information on the move over law, please visit: www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/moveoverlaw