

INdiana - Traffic Incident Management Effort

Indiana MOVE – IT Law (Steer It, Clear It or Fender Bender)

Indiana Code § IC 9-26-1-1.2

Require motorists involved in minor crashes (where there are no serious injuries and the vehicle can be driven) to move their vehicles out of the travel lanes to the shoulder or other safe area

However, the operator shall not move the motor vehicle if the accident:

- (1) involves the transportation of hazardous materials; or
- (2) results in injury or death of a person or the entrapment of a person in a vehicle.

Indiana Move Over Law

Indiana Code § 9-21-8-35

Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency, recovery or highway maintenance vehicle, when the authorized vehicle is displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, red and blue or amber lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

- (1) Proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, or
- (2) Proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.

Applies to:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Highway incident-response vehicles
- Highway maintenance vehicles
- Utility service vehicles
- Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks)

Authority Removal Law (Hold Harmless)

Indiana Code § IC 9-22-1-32

Provides authority (and immunity from liability in general) for designated public agencies to remove vehicles and/or spilled cargo from the roadway to restore traffic flow. Serious injury or fatality does not always preclude removal

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Traffic Incident Management (TIM) consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible.



Effective TIM reduces the duration & impacts of traffic incidents.

TIM improves the safety of:

- motorists,
- crash victims
- emergency responders

TIM reduces the **delay** for motorists.

The likelihood of a secondary crash increases by 2.8% with each minute that an incident remains unresolved.

About 25 percent of all delays are caused by traffic incidents.

In a typical year, the following number of responders are struck and killed nationally:

- 12 Law Enforcement Officers
- 5 Fire and Rescue Personnel
- 60 Towing and Recovery Professionals
- Several transportation professionals from DOTs, Public Works, and Safety Service Patrol Programs

