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Every 4 minutes an emergency vehicle uses lights and sirens on Western Australian roads to assist someone in a life threatening situation.

“Every second counts”



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What do I do when I encounter an emergency vehicle while I am driving?

- A.
- Do not panic.
 - Check where the emergency vehicle is coming from and give way to it if safe to do so.
 - Move to the left if you can.
 - If you cannot move left, slow down or stop and let the emergency vehicle drive around you.

Q. How do I recognize an emergency vehicle?

- A. Any vehicle with flashing blue or red lights can be an emergency vehicle. The most common emergency vehicles you may come across are:
- Ambulance
 - Fire Appliance
 - Police Vehicle

Q. Can I break the law to give way to emergency vehicles, for example, driving through a red light?

A. No

Q. Can I be penalised for not giving way to emergency vehicles?

A. Yes. It is an offence not to give way to an emergency vehicle. The penalty is a fine and loss of demerit points.

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