

STAY BACK 200 FEET FROM SNOWPLOWS

MCL 257.643b

- (1) The operator of a vehicle shall not follow a snowplow more closely than 200 feet.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply when the operator of a vehicle is legally overtaking or passing a snowplow.
- (3) The operator of a vehicle that is not a snowplow who approaches a snowplow from the rear that is stopped at or in an intersection shall stop not less than 20 feet from the snowplow.
- (4) A person that violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.
- (5) As used in this section, "snowplow" means a vehicle that is all of the following:
 - (a) Operating on behalf of this state, a county, a county road commission, or a municipality.
 - (b) Actively engaging in snow and ice removal, snowplowing, salting, or sanding.
 - (c) Operating lights as described in section 698(5)(d).

EMERGENCY VEHICLE STATUTE

The emergency vehicle statute (MCL 257.603) permits certain municipal vehicles to operate and maneuver in a way that's different from the Michigan Vehicle Code's typical rules of the road. The Statute specifically states that vehicles engaged in highway maintenance enjoy the special rules in the statute. Motorists are required to yield to highway maintenance vehicles that have their green or amber oscillating lights on and are actively engaged in highway maintenance.

Pursuant to MCL 257.603, drivers engaged in highway maintenance may:

- (a) Park or stand wherever.
- (b) Proceed past a red light or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.
- (c) Exceed the speed limit so long as he or she does not endanger life or property.
- (d) Disregard rules governing movement or turning.

