

Safety recommendations

Caution, roadworks ahead! When lanes get narrow, you need to take extra care.

Safety tips...

How to drive through roadworks

- ⇒ **Always be aware that:** Roadworks are there for your benefit and your future mobility. Construction workers are only doing their job and sometimes risk life and limb to repair and maintain our roads.
- ⇒ **Pay attention to the signs.** Signs indicating obstructions and roadworks ahead provide valuable information.
- ⇒ **Always remain focused while driving.** Unexpected obstructions, such as roadworks, can also appear unexpectedly on monotonous sections of the freeway. Due to the confined space and the unusual lane routing, drivers cannot afford to let their attention wander, to fiddle with the radio, or play around on the phone.
- ⇒ **At roadworks always drive alongside other cars.**
- ⇒ **Do not change lanes or overtake at roadworks.** You may be slightly slower as a result, but you will be much safer.
- ⇒ **Be particularly careful at night and in wet conditions.** When in doubt, reduce your speed so that you can recognize the lane routing and see obstructions in good time.

How to behave in traffic jams

- ⇒ **Avoid abrupt braking maneuvers** by driving with foresight.
- ⇒ **Avoid changing speed unnecessarily**
- ⇒ **Switch on your hazard warning lights to alert cars behind you** as soon as you see vehicles in front of you slowing down or stopping.
- ⇒ **In traffic jams, always stop or coast on the right-hand side of the right-hand lane and on the left-hand side of the left-hand lane** so that a channel remains free in the center for emergency vehicles. → On freeways with three or more lanes a channel should be left between the two outside left-hand lanes (between the fastest and the second fastest lane).
- ⇒ **Use all available lanes until you reach the obstruction** and then filter into the single line of traffic using the alternate filter-in principle. This makes the best possible use of the road area and traffic continues to flow in all lanes.
- ⇒ **No rubbernecking at accident sites.** Continue to drive at normal speed as soon as you have passed the obstruction that caused the jam.

How to behave in the event of accident or vehicle breakdown on freeways without a hard shoulder

- ⇒ **Always keep your high-visibility vest and warning triangle where you can easily get hold of them.**
- ⇒ **Drive your vehicle, if this is still possible, to the nearest emergency stop bay** and turn on your hazard warning lights. If you cannot reach the next emergency bay, drive as far to the right as possible and switch on your hazard warning lights as soon as you realize that your vehicle is about to come to a halt.
- ⇒ **Always put on a high-visibility vest before getting out of the vehicle.**
- ⇒ **If possible, always get out of the vehicle on the side away from the traffic** and get your passengers, whenever possible, to safety behind the crash barriers.
- ⇒ **Secure the scene of the breakdown or accident.** Walk behind the crash barrier toward the following traffic waving the warning triangle up and down. Position the warning triangle at least 100 m before the scene of the accident.
- ⇒ **If there are any injured persons who can be moved, take them to safety.** However, do not expose yourself to any risk.
- ⇒ **Alert the police in the event of an accident at roadworks**, even if nobody has been injured. The police will be able to secure the scene of the accident professionally and divert traffic.
- ⇒ **Do not step back onto the road.** Wherever possible, wait in safety (away from the road and the hard shoulder) for the police and ambulance service to arrive.

How to secure the roadworks

- ⇒ **In Switzerland:** Where no standard has yet been defined: Lay rumble strips in advance of the roadworks to alert inattentive drivers to the potential hazard.
- ⇒ **In Germany:** Where no standard has yet been defined: Mount crash cushions at the rear of the warning car in order to cushion any collisions caused by inattentive drivers and protect construction workers at the roadworks.
- ⇒ **Check temporary road markings regularly and replace them if necessary.** If the temporary road markings become detached, the lane routing will no longer be clear. These lines should therefore be checked and replaced regularly.
- ⇒ **Use speed display signs** to show drivers how fast they are driving and encourage them to reduce their speed accordingly.