



How will emergency service vehicles get through traffic on the Smart Freeway?



Perth's new Smart Freeway uses the latest technology and is monitored 24/7 by our Road Network Operations Centre.

That means, in the event of an incident or emergency, our operators can use the new electronic signs to change speed limits and close lanes, creating a clear path through the traffic for emergency vehicles under lights and sirens.

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The technology used on Perth's new Smart Freeway lets us manage speeds and open and close lanes between Canning Highway and the Narrows. Lane closures will be changed remotely to protect road users and allow emergency services quick and easy access to an incident location.

Changes for emergency services vehicles

To ensure access for emergency services vehicles on the Smart Freeway, our operators will:

- divert traffic to adjoining lanes, using 'White Arrows' on the overhead electronic signs
- close lanes using the 'Red X' on the electronic signs
- if necessary, reduce speed on adjoining lanes
- use the large electronic message boards to let drivers know what is happening ahead.

What will you need to do?

The most important thing you need to do is drive to the conditions of the road and follow the directions on the overhead electronic signs and message boards.

- If the electronic sign changes to a 'White Arrow', begin moving safely out of your current lane to the lane or lanes indicated.
- If the speed limit changes, safely adjust your speed to match it.
- Never enter a lane that is showing a 'Red X' and, if you're already in that lane, move to an adjoining open lane as soon as you can safely do so.
- Pay attention to the large message boards on the left of most of the overhead signs as these provide further information about the road conditions ahead.

If you'd like to know more about Smart Freeways and how they work, visit SmartFreeways.wa.gov.au



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