



How will emergency service vehicles get through traffic on Smart Freeways?

Perth's Smart Freeways are monitored by our Road Network Operations Centre 24/7. In an incident or emergency, our operators can use the overhead gantries to change speed limits and close lanes creating a clear path through the traffic for emergency vehicles under lights and sirens.

The technology used on our Smart Freeways lets us manage speeds and open and close lanes. 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 freeways, our operators will:

- Divert traffic to adjoining lanes using 'White Arrows' on the overhead electronic gantries
- Close lanes using the 'Red X' on the overhead electronic gantries. If necessary, reduce speed on adjoining lanes.
- Use the large electronic messages board 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 road conditions ahead.

Further information

For more information about Smart Freeways and how they work in Western Australia visit mainroads.wa.gov.au

