

General Information

Tractors, mowers, and off-road vehicles are not designed for high-speed travel. Whether driving or following a slow-moving vehicle, you should be aware of common safety practices.

Driving a slow-moving vehicle on a public roadway

- Ensure the slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem is visible (red-orange, fluorescent triangle).
- Always keep flashing hazard lights on.
- Stay on the right side of the roadway.
- Be aware of objects on the shoulder, narrow roads, bridges, and oncoming traffic when traveling with wide loads.
- Use signals and check for passing motorists before turning.
- Do not wave motorists to pass – they should determine when it is safe.
- When it is safe, pull over to allow excess traffic to pass. Survey the shoulder of the road for an area that is not soft or steep and can support the weight of the equipment.



Following a slow-moving vehicle

- Recognize the SMV symbol and slow down.
- Watch for turn signals or hand signals.
- Keep your distance and be prepared for sudden stops.
- Do not assume the operator knows you are behind them.
- Pass only when it is safe and use extreme caution.



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