

## troop headquarters



TROOP	LOCATION	PHONE
A	Olathe	913-782-8100
B	Topeka	785-296-3102
C	Salina	785-827-3065
D	Hays	785-625-3518
E	Garden City	620-276-3201
F	Wichita	316-744-0451
G	Wichita (Turnpike)	316-682-4537
H	Chanute	620-431-2100
K	Capitol Police	785-296-3420
GHQ	Topeka	785-296-6800

You may report highway emergencies 24 hours a day (everyday) from almost anywhere in Kansas by dialing the toll free emergency number. Your call will be routed to the nearest Highway Patrol Headquarters.



The highway emergency phone numbers are for EMERGENCIES ONLY. Please DO NOT use this emergency number for information on road or weather conditions. You may obtain that information on the web at [www.kanroad.org](http://www.kanroad.org) or by calling:



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A guide to what you should do.

## introduction

You look into your rearview mirror and see a patrol car behind you with its emergency lights flashing. If you are like most people, this can be a stressful experience.

Knowing what to do, and what not to do, will make the experience less stressful and will help insure your safety, the safety of other motorists, and the safety of the officer. This pamphlet is designed to inform you of what to do when stopped by a Trooper.

## actions you should take

Kansas Law (K.S.A. 8-1530) requires a motorist to pull as far as possible to the right of the traveled portion of the highway and stop when a patrol car approaches displaying emergency equipment. The motorist must remain stopped until the patrol car has passed, or a patrol officer directs you otherwise.

When you see flashing red and blue lights on a patrol car, don't panic. Simply slow down, signal your intentions and pull to the right as far as practicable and stop.

It is important that you and your passengers always keep your hands in plain view and do not make any sudden or undirected movements! Remember, the Trooper does not know you or your intentions.

## actions the trooper will take

The Trooper will park the patrol car to provide maximum protection to both of you during the traffic stop. While the Trooper is approaching your vehicle, do not attempt to reach under your seat, into the glove compartment, in a console, or any other place hidden from the Trooper's view. After an explanation as to why you were stopped, the Trooper may ask for your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of liability insurance.

The Trooper will often complete the contact without requiring you to leave your car. Sometimes it may be necessary for you to leave your car. Court rulings permit the officer to decide which procedure is safest. As you exit your car, always keep your hands in plain view.

If a traffic ticket is issued, please maintain a polite and cooperative attitude. Do not attempt to debate the merits of the issue on the side of the highway. The court is the proper place to contest any grievance.

## special note

If you're uncertain if the person trying to stop you is legitimate, pull over but keep your car doors locked. When your vehicle is approached by the officer, roll your window down only far enough to talk to the officer. Remain in your secured vehicle until proper identification of the officer is made.

## color and markings of patrol cars



Troopers are being issued an assortment of single color patrol cars that display distinct markings.

The solid color patrol cars display decals on the doors, front bumper, and trunk deck. The door decals are large and visible. To further enhance identification, "STATE TROOPER"

decals are prominently displayed on the front bumper and rear trunk deck.

Additionally, all cars are equipped with high visibility lighting equipment which consist of either exterior or interior mounted flashing red and blue lights and alternate flashing headlights.

## for your information

A traffic citation is a legal document. A space for your signature is provided near the bottom of the form. By signing the document, you are not admitting guilt. Your signature merely acknowledges receipt of the citation and that you promise to appear in court on the given date, or that you will contact the court prior to the court date for disposal of the case. Refusing to sign the traffic ticket will not eliminate your obligation to appear in court. Once the Trooper gives you a copy of the traffic ticket, you have been served a summons (subpoena) to appear in court. Failure to appear on your scheduled date is a violation of law and may result in additional charges being filed against you.

Troopers may provide you with information explaining the courts mail-in procedures. The Troopers do not collect fines, but may require you to post a bond of cash, bail bond card or valid Kansas Drivers License as a promise to appear in court.

## conclusion

Traffic Laws are enacted to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Help make Kansas highways safe, please obey our traffic laws.

If you are issued a traffic ticket and you have questions concerning it, feel free to ask the Trooper when a copy is given to you. You may also call the county prosecuting attorney of the county where you are to appear in court. A traffic ticket issued by one Trooper cannot be changed by another Patrol employee.