

EXEMPTION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES

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The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from certain speed limits, rights of way, and signs or signals when responding to a fire alarm or other emergency. In such situations the red lights must be turned on and the siren sounded as a warning to other drivers and pedestrians. Although CDF emergency vehicles have the right of way at intersections having stop signs or signals, a CDF emergency vehicle must be able to stop in time to avoid a collision with another vehicle entering the intersection; consequently the CDF driver must gauge his/her speed accordingly. At times this may require coming to a complete stop and cautiously proceeding through an intersection. (Also [see Section 6840](#) of this handbook for definition of authorized emergency vehicle.)

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