

## What is my responsibility?

### Tractor operators:

- › Be sure you display an SMV emblem on all slow-moving equipment used on public roadways.
- › Check SMV emblems for bright and reflective colors according to code. Replace all faded or defective emblems.
- › Pull over and allow traffic to pass when it is safe to do so.

### Motorists:

- › Know what the slow-moving vehicle emblem represents.
- › Drive defensively, and watch for slow-moving vehicles on public roadways. Give special attention to turning vehicles.
- › Be patient. Farm machinery cannot travel at high speeds.
- › Slow down to the same speed as the slow-moving vehicle.
- › Pass with caution slowly and deliberately, watching for other traffic and sudden turns.
- › Pay special attention to wide farm equipment.



## This emblem helps save lives!

Whether you are driving a car or operating a tractor, the SMV emblem can help you avoid collisions!

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# Safety

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## What does this emblem mean?

Slow-Moving Vehicle

## What does the slow-moving vehicle emblem mean?

Slow-moving vehicles are vehicles that are normally operated at speeds less than 25 mph on public roadways.

These vehicles include tractors and other farm equipment.



## Could you react in time?

If you are driving and come up behind a tractor or other vehicle displaying the slow-moving vehicle emblem, *begin slowing down immediately!*

If you are traveling at 60 mph, and the equipment is 300 feet ahead of you, traveling at 10 mph, you will nearly close that distance in a short 4 seconds if you don't reduce your speed right away.

### Closure time in seconds

TIME ELAPSED



### Summary of Virginia Law

Virginia law requires that all farm tractors, self-propelled farm equipment or any other vehicle designed for operation at speeds of less than 25 mph or normally operated at speeds less than 25 mph display a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle when traveling on a public highway at any time of the day or night.

If the slow-moving vehicle is towing an implement, then the slow-moving vehicle emblem must be displayed where it can be seen from the rear of the towed unit.

The slow-moving vehicle emblem must meet the standards and specifications adopted by the American National Standards Institute Inc. or the Federal Department of Transportation.