

Emergency stopping bays on CityLink and the M1

What happens if I break down?

1. If you can stop in an emergency stopping lane or breakdown bay, then:
 - Switch on your hazard lights and remain in your vehicle;
 - If you have to get out watch carefully for other traffic and move to the front of your vehicle – never stand behind your vehicle; and
 - If you need roadside assistance, use an emergency roadside telephone (located in every emergency stopping area) or your mobile to contact the VicRoads control centre (phone 13 11 70).
2. If you cannot stop in an emergency stopping lane or breakdown bay, then:
 - If possible, try to park to the side of the road (whichever side you are closest to);
 - Switch on your hazard lights and remain in your vehicle;
 - If you have a mobile, contact the VicRoads control centre (phone 13 11 70); and
 - In addition, extensive CCTV coverage means operators can spot incidents and take appropriate action.



For more information, please visit www.citylink.com.au

The new way of driving CityLink and the M1.

As part of the final stages of the M1 Upgrade a new Lane Use Management system has been activated along parts of CityLink and the West Gate and Monash Freeways. This new world class system will help to provide a smoother, safer and more reliable journey, so it's important to take note and obey these new signs.

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Look up, Look ahead

Driver information signs have been activated along parts of CityLink and the West Gate and Monash Freeway. The signs are located above traffic lanes and provide drivers with current information about speed limits and road conditions.

To ensure your safety and the safety of road workers it is important to take note of these new signs and look up and look ahead.



Signal meanings



Speed limits change to respond to incidents or congestion on the freeway. In the event of an incident or road works, a closed lane is re-opened by this sign. You must pass this sign before entering the preceding closed lane.



When an incident occurs, arrows direct drivers to change into designated lanes.



A red X means a lane is closed. The closed lanes can give emergency services vehicles clear access. You must not drive under a red cross or in any lane that has been closed by a red cross.



If necessary, arrows can direct drivers to exit the freeway.

Please note – These signs are enforceable and will incur an infringement notice if not obeyed.

Incident management

In the event of an incident, control centre operators can alter signs and signals to alert road users to conditions ahead. The signals can be used to close lanes when necessary, to better manage the freeway during an incident and to keep traffic flowing.

The position and sequence of the signs allow drivers time to make the changes required so traffic flows more smoothly, reducing congestion and providing a clear path for on-road assistance.

Should an incident occur on CityLink or the M1:

- Information signs provide early notification of changed traffic conditions;
- Overhead signs can be used to close lanes;
- Speed limits are changed to keep traffic moving;
- Ramp signals help to maintain traffic flow; and
- Certain lanes may be closed back to the entry ramp preceding the incident to provide access for incident and emergency crews.



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