

## Slow-Moving Vehicle Restrictions

Under New York State law, self-propelled agricultural equipment can be operated on public roadways after dark and when visibility is reduced to less than 1,000 feet, regardless of time of day, only if:

- ▲ The vehicle is equipped with the following devices in good working condition and visible from the front and rear:
  - Signaling devices properly mounted
  - Two red reflectors mounted at the same height on the rear as far apart as possible
  
- ▲ The vehicle is equipped with lamps that are lighted:
  - Two white colored head lights on the front
  - One red tail lamp on the rear as far left as possible
  - Two amber lamps at least 42 inches high visible from the front and rear



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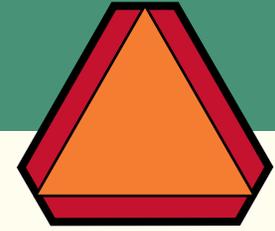
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For more information about slow-moving vehicles  
and the slow-moving vehicle emblem  
please visit the  
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee web site at:  
[SafeNY.ny.gov](http://SafeNY.ny.gov) or  
[dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov).

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# SHARING the ROAD with SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES



## Slow-Moving Vehicles

Slow-Moving Vehicles (SMVs) are all vehicles that operate at less than 40 mph, including:

- ▲ Tractors
- ▲ Self-propelled farm equipment
- ▲ Road construction and maintenance machinery
- ▲ Animal-powered vehicles



### Slow-Moving Vehicle Season

Motorists will encounter more agricultural slow-moving vehicles from late April through mid-October, when farmers are more apt to be planting and harvesting crops. Please be aware of these vehicles and use caution when sharing the road with them.



### Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem

- ▲ Effective June 26, 2019, farm machinery, implements of husbandry, agricultural tractors, and other machinery with a top speed greater than 25 mph and less than 40 mph must display a speed identification symbol reflecting its maximum speed, in addition to displaying the slow-moving vehicle emblem.
- ▲ NYS law requires vehicles that travel at less than 40 mph to have a Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem:
  - Placed in the middle of the back end
  - Located two to six feet above the road
  - Kept clean and replace when faded
- ▲ Each piece of agricultural equipment, whether self-propelled or used in combination, shall separately display a slow-moving vehicle emblem
- ▲ It is illegal to put SMV emblems on stationary objects – such as mailboxes or driveway posts

## Sharing the Road with Slow-Moving Vehicles

When motorists encounter a slow-moving vehicle on the roadway they should:

- ▲ Slow down immediately when you see a vehicle or equipment with a SMV emblem in the road
- ▲ Increase following distance to create a safety cushion
- ▲ Be alert and watch for turns into fields
- ▲ Drive courteously
- ▲ Pass with care only when it is safe and legal to do so
- ▲ Be aware that animal-powered vehicles may make unanticipated movements
- ▲ Remember SMV operators may have poor visibility due to loads and equipment in tow
- ▲ Be aware that equipment in tow may sway on the road

