

**321.288 Control of vehicle — reduced speed.**

1. A person operating a motor vehicle shall have the vehicle under control at all times.
2. A person operating a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed to a reasonable and proper rate:
  - a. When approaching and passing a person walking in the traveled portion of the public highway.
  - b. When approaching and passing an animal which is being led, ridden, or driven upon a public highway.
  - c. When approaching and traversing a crossing or intersection of public highways, or a sharp turn, curve, or steep descent in a public highway.
  - d. When approaching and passing an emergency warning device displayed in accordance with rules adopted under [section 321.449](#), or an emergency vehicle displaying a revolving or flashing light.
  - e. When approaching and passing a slow moving vehicle displaying a reflective device or alternative reflective device as provided by [section 321.383](#).
  - f. When approaching and passing through a road work zone.  
[S13, §1571-m18; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5031; C39, **§5023.04**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.288]  
[85 Acts, ch 167, §2](#); [87 Acts, ch 170, §7](#); [89 Acts, ch 296, §33](#); [97 Acts, ch 104, §20](#); [99 Acts, ch 102, §1](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1083, §2](#)  
Referred to in [§321.285](#), [707.6A](#), [805.8A\(6\)\(d\)](#)  
For applicable scheduled fine, see [§805.8A](#), subsection 6