



## **What to do in an Emergency on the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge**

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### **8 Safety Tips for Emergencies on the Causeway Bridge**

PLEASE STAY ALERT! Emergency situations such as flat tires and breakdowns can happen unexpectedly. Inattentive drivers are one of the main causes of accidents on the Bridge.

### **Stay Calm.**

It is common to lose your composure during a crisis. Staying calm will help you to think clearly and react quickly so you stay out of harm's way.

### **Activate your hazard lights.**

Use your hazard lights if your vehicle is impaired. This simple action will alert other motorists to steer clear of your vehicle.

### **Drive to the nearest Crossover or Safety Bay.**

Crossovers are located about three and a half miles apart. The Safety Bays are located half-way between each Crossover. For example, if you have a flat tire, continue to drive on the rim. Do not stop on the road. Drive to the nearest Crossover or Safety Bay to avoid being rear ended.

### **Drive close to the right railing.**

If your vehicle is unable to get to the nearest Crossover or Safety Bay, drive as close to the right railing as possible.

### **Stand on the curb behind your vehicle.**

If your vehicle is stalled in the roadway, make sure you and your passengers cautiously exit your vehicle and stand behind it on the right-side curb. Stand facing on-coming traffic. This will help you avoid injury if your vehicle is propelled forward in a rear end accident.

### **Call the Causeway Police at \*CP (\*27) or 504-835-3116**

Alert the Causeway Police of your emergency. While waiting on the right- side curb, use your flashing lights. Also, another motorist or the Causeway Camera department will spot you and alert the Causeway Police.

### **Wave oncoming traffic into the left lane.**

While on the curb, wave approaching traffic into the left lane to help other motorists avoid colliding with your vehicle.

### **Wait for the Causeway Police or Emergency personnel to arrive.**

The Causeway Police or the Motorist Assistance Patrol (MAP) will arrive within minutes to help with your emergency. Response time is typically less than 4 minutes.



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