

# WRONG-WAY DRIVING



## WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY CAUSES FOR WRONG WAY DRIVING?



DRIVERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR MEDICATIONS. THE MAJORITY OF WRONG-WAY CRASHES ARE CAUSED BY IMPAIRED DRIVERS.



DRIVERS WHO ARE LOST, CONFUSED, OR UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ROADWAYS IN THAT AREA.



# WRONG-WAY DRIVING PREVENTION MEASURES



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TWO-WAY REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS THAT SHOW WHITE OR YELLOW TO RIGHT WAY DRIVERS, AND RED TO WRONG WAY DRIVERS.

"WRONG WAY" AND "DO NOT ENTER SIGNS WITH FLASHING LED LIGHTS" SIGNS AT OFF-RAMPS.



ACTIVE MONITORING SYSTEMS THAT USE RADAR TO DETECT WRONG WAY DRIVERS. THESE SYSTEMS ACTIVATE A SECONDARY SET OF LED SIGNS WHEN A WRONG WAY DRIVER ENTERS THE RAMP AND SENDS REAL-TIME ALERTS AND VIDEOS TO CALTRANS WHERE THEY CAN ALERT THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP).

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A WRONG WAY DRIVER

Get out of the way as quickly and safely as possible. As soon as it is safe to do so, call 911 and report the driver.

Keep your headlights on. If a wrong way driver sees headlights, they may realize they are going the wrong way.

While driving, maintain a high visual horizon. Looking down the road increases your ability to see roadway hazards and allows you to be more prepared to get out of the way safely. Do not attempt to follow the wrong way driver.

