

# Flat Tire on Deerfoot? Here's What You Should Do First

A simple, Calgary-focused guide to staying safe if you experience a flat tire on Deerfoot Trail.

## 1. Stay Calm and Keep Control of the Vehicle

A flat tire may pull your vehicle to one side. Grip the wheel firmly and avoid braking hard. Let the vehicle slow naturally and keep full control as you move toward safety.

**Tip: Sudden braking can cause the vehicle to swerve — especially at highway speeds.**

## 2. Move to a Safe Location — Don't Stop in a Live Lane

Safely guide your car onto the right shoulder, exit lane, or an open turnout. Deerfoot traffic moves fast — stopping in a travel lane is extremely dangerous.

## 3. Turn On Your Hazard Lights and Increase Visibility

Keep your hazard lights on. If it's dark, turn on your interior dome light and use reflective triangles if you have them. Do not stand near the flow of traffic.

## 4. Don't Attempt a Tire Change in Heavy Traffic

Deerfoot Trail is not a safe place for DIY tire changes. Changing a tire on a narrow shoulder puts you dangerously close to fast-moving traffic. If you cannot safely get far off the road, remain inside the vehicle and call for assistance.

**Safety First: Even professional tow operators avoid performing tire changes in unsafe highway conditions.**

## 5. Call Roadside Assistance or a Towing Service

If you're stuck or unsure what to do, call for help immediately. A tow operator can safely change your tire, tow your vehicle, or move you to a safer location.

**Call DKE Towing — 403-471-5998**

## 6. Provide Your Exact Location

Deerfoot Trail is long with many exits. When calling for help, mention:

- Northbound or Southbound
- Nearest exit number
- Landmarks (signs, bridges, overpasses)
- Whether you're on the shoulder or median

## 7. Stay Inside the Vehicle Unless Instructed Otherwise

Fast-moving traffic makes standing on the roadside extremely dangerous. Unless your vehicle is smoking or in immediate danger, stay inside with your seatbelt on.

Call 911 if your car is stuck in a lane, visibility is low, or you feel unsafe.

## Final Thoughts

A flat tire on Deerfoot Trail can be stressful, but following these steps will help you stay safe. Your priorities should always be: stay calm, get to safety, be visible, and call for professional help.

Need Help Now? Call 403-471-5998