



## → PennDOT Detour Signs

PennDOT has established detour routes throughout the region. They are to be used in case an emergency forces the closure of a section of an interstate. Color-coded detour trailblazer signs have been installed on the detour routes for identification purposes.



## → Color Coded Signs

PennDOT installed color-coded detour signs at the end of off-ramps and in advance of all required turns and important decision points along the emergency detour routes. In addition, large flip-down signs are installed either on the off-ramps or prior to interchanges, and are designed to direct travelers to the color-coded detour signs.

Blue Sign = North | Red Sign = South | Green Sign = East | Black Sign = West

*Note: In some areas alternate colors (orange, brown) may be used, especially when detour routes overlap.*

## → Implementing the Detour Route

**Interagency communication is essential to successful emergency detour route implementation.**

When implementing a detour route, police should ensure that the appropriate agencies have been notified prior to opening and directing traffic from the highway onto a detour route. Ideally, detour routes should be checked first for availability. The appropriate municipal police should be advised by the Incident Commander when a decision

is made to activate the detour route. State Police are responsible for coordinating communication between existing police service agencies during closures. Activation of a detour route takes place when an incident results in the full closure of lanes in either or both directions of a highway and the duration of the closure is anticipated to extend beyond a long-term (2 hour) closure.

**Other conditions, as listed below, may also require activation of a detour route:**

- A traffic incident causing personal injury and/or fatality.
- A traffic incident requiring the closure of all available lanes to ensure the safety of emergency service personnel, clean up crews, or injured parties.
- A traffic incident requiring the closure of lanes to allow for the investigation of the incident and evidence protection.
- A traffic incident resulting in debris over the roadway or a spill of materials.
- An incident occurring on the highway requiring police crime investigation.
- Emergency repair of highway facilities or structures.