

Procedure after a critical situation with an automated vehicle

This document describes the procedure and responsibilities following a critical situation involving an automated vehicle on public roads in Austria. It addresses those test activities for which the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) has issued a test certificate according to the Automated Driving Ordinance (AutomatFahrV).

1. **Secure the scene:** if the vehicle cannot be moved into a safe condition after the critical situation and thus poses a risk to other road users, it must be secured, and passengers or vehicle occupants must be evacuated to safety according to the situation.
2. **Transfer the vehicle to a suitable location**
3. **Stop the test operation:** the test operation must be stopped immediately until approved by the BMK.
4. **Contact the BMK:** the BMK must be contacted immediately and informed of the critical situation circumstances (the responsible contact person at the BMK is the person who issued the test certificate. This information can be found in the details of the valid certificate).
5. **Transmission of data:** a detailed description of the circumstances of the case must be transmitted to the BMK (ST1). If necessary, the BMK can ask questions about the circumstances of the case and share the information provided with the Contact Point Automated Mobility and the members of the Technical-Legal Committee.
6. **Resumption of testing activities:** the test operation/testing activities may only be resumed after explicit approval from the BMK.