



Safe Movement Guideline | Fitment of warning devices on light vehicles in Queensland

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Part 1 - Introduction

A. Purpose of the guideline

This **safe movement guideline for the fitment of warning devices on light vehicles in Queensland** (the guideline) provides guidance in relation to the fitment of reflectors, flashing warning lights, repeater horns and sirens to specific light vehicles that access the Queensland road network.

B. How this guideline should be used

This guideline is designed to assist customers that want to fit reflectors, flashing warning lights, repeater horns and sirens to a light vehicle that falls under one of the approved categories in Part 3 Vehicle categories of this guideline.

C. Guideline authority

This guideline is issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management— Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*, section 53, in accordance with the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, section 22.

D. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in the guideline have the same meanings as those defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

Guideline means the Safe Movement Guideline for the fitment of warning devices on light vehicles in Queensland.

Light Vehicle means a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) up to 4.5t.

VSS Regulation means the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

Part 2 - Exemptions to vehicle standards

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category A of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category B of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3 Category C of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category D of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 33(2), 104, 107(2), 109(3), 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category E of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 104, 107(2), 109(3), 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category F of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 33(2), 104, 107(2), 109(3), 114(3) and 114(4).

Vehicles covered by Part 3, Category G of this guideline are exempt from complying with the VSS Regulation Schedule 1, sections 114(3) and 114(4).

Part 3 - Vehicle categories

A. Construction, mining and worksite vehicles

1. Category A applies to vehicles actively involved in the daily operations of a construction, mining or manufacturing site (a work site), that are required to be fitted with one or more flashing yellow warning lights to comply with the relevant workplace health and safety requirements, and which access public roads with the light fitted.
2. The vehicle must be issued with a letter of authority either by the work site manager or an authorised representative of the registered operator. The letter of authority must:
 - (a) identify the work site where the vehicle operates,
 - (b) identify the vehicle and type of vehicle to which the authority applies, and
 - (c) include an end date for the authority.
3. However, a vehicle that is clearly identifiable as a mine, construction or manufacturing worksite vehicle is not required to have a letter of authority.

***Example:** a vehicle that is used on a mine site and is fitted with additional high mounted tail and indicator lights, a large mine identification number and additional reflective markings on the sides of the vehicle, would be considered as an identifiable vehicle used in the mining industry.*
4. For a vehicle working at more than one site that requires the use of one or more flashing yellow warning lights, the letter of authority, if applicable, may refer to a run sheet, work schedule or other company issued documents that clearly identifies the work sites the vehicle will access.
5. The letter of authority, if applicable (or a copy of the letter of authority) and any document mentioned in the authority must be kept in the vehicle at all times when travelling on a public road and be produced on request by an authorised officer.

***Note:** "copy" includes an image of the document stored on an electronic device (such as a tablet computer or smart phone).*
6. Flashing yellow warning lights must not be operating when the vehicle is travelling on a public road.

B. Animal pest and fire management vehicles

1. Category B applies to vehicles operated by:
 - (a) a local government authority actively involved in the daily operations of animal, pest or fire management within the area of that authority; or
 - (b) a department of government (as established by the *Public Service Act 2008* section 14) and involved in animal, pest or fire management; or
 - (c) the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Queensland (RSPCA) and used in the activities of the society's inspectorate; or
 - (d) A new water entity (as defined in the *South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) Act 2007*) and used for fire management; or
 - (e) Griffith University and used for fire management; or

- (f) A plantation licensee (as defined in the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld)) and used for fire management.
2. This category also applies to a vehicle operated by another person or entity who provides animal, pest or fire management services on behalf of an entity listed in section B.1.
3. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with one or more flashing yellow and green warning lights.
4. The flashing yellow and green warning lights must only be used to warn other road users of a hazard or potential hazard posed during animal, pest or fire management.

C. Trolley collection vehicles

1. Category C applies to vehicles used solely for trolley collection in shopping centre car parks.
2. This category does not apply to conditionally registered vehicles that require a light under the conditions of use.
3. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with one flashing yellow warning light.
4. The flashing yellow warning light must only be operated whilst collecting trolleys in a shopping centre car park.

D. State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service vehicles

1. Category D applies to vehicles that have been authorised in writing to operate under this part by the Queensland Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Services.
2. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with one or more sirens, flashing red and blue warning lights and various reflectors.

E. Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol vehicles

1. Category E applies to vehicles that are used by inspectors appointed under the *Fisheries Act 1994* and driven in the course of the person's duty.
2. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with one or more flashing magenta warning lights and various reflectors.

F. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service & Partnership vehicles

1. Category F applies to vehicles that are used by:
 - (a) Conservation officers appointed under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, or
 - (b) Forest officers appointed under the *Forestry Act 1959*, or
 - (c) Authorised officers appointed under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*, or
 - (d) Inspectors under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, and

- (e) driven in the course of the person's duty.
- 2. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with one or more sirens or repeater horns, one or more flashing magenta warning lights and various reflectors.

G. Queensland Rail vehicles

- 1. Category G applies to vehicles that are operated by Queensland Rail.
- 2. A vehicle described in this category may be fitted with:
 - (a) one or more yellow and green flashing lights to the rear; and
 - (b) one or more yellow, green and white flashing lights to the front.
- 3. The flashing lights referred to under G2. must only be operated in circumstances where the vehicle is operating under Special Circumstances Permit E143247 issued by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.