

## **IC 9-19-14**

### **Chapter 14. Special Equipment for Emergency Vehicles**

#### **IC 9-19-14-1**

##### **Siren, exhaust whistle, or bell**

Sec. 1. An authorized emergency vehicle must, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this article, be equipped with a siren, exhaust whistle, or bell capable of giving an audible signal.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 9-19-14-2**

##### **Signal lamps; visibility**

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, an authorized emergency vehicle must, in addition to other equipment required by this article, be equipped with signal lamps that are capable of displaying flashing, rotating, or oscillating beams of red or red and white light. The lights must be visible to oncoming traffic one hundred eighty (180) degrees around the front of the vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 9-19-14-3**

##### **Audibility requirements for sirens, whistles, and bells; use of siren**

Sec. 3. An authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet and of a type approved by the state police department. The siren may not be used except when the vehicle is operated as follows:

- (1) In response to an emergency call.
- (2) In the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violation of the law. In this case, the driver of the vehicle shall sound the vehicle's siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the vehicle's approach.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 9-19-14-4**

##### **Right-of-way; violation**

Sec. 4. (a) The use of signal equipment described in this chapter imposes upon a driver of another vehicle the duty to yield right-of-way and stop as prescribed in IC 9-21-8-35.

(b) A driver who fails to yield right-of-way to and stop as prescribed in IC 9-21-8-35 for an emergency vehicle operating in an official capacity commits a Class C infraction.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.188-2015, SEC.59.*

#### **IC 9-19-14-5**

##### **Police vehicles used as emergency vehicles**

Sec. 5. A police vehicle, when used as an authorized emergency

vehicle, must be equipped with either of the following:

(1) At least two (2) signal lamps capable of displaying a red beam and a blue beam that meet the following requirements:

(A) The signal lamps are mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable or mounted in a manner that will make the lights visible to oncoming traffic one hundred eighty (180) degrees around the front of the vehicle.

(B) The signal lamps are capable of displaying to the front alternately flashing red and blue lights.

(C) The signal lamp capable of displaying the red beam is located on the driver's side of the vehicle and the signal lamp capable of displaying the blue beam is located on the passenger's side of the vehicle.

(2) One (1) signal lamp that is capable of displaying a red beam and a blue beam in a manner that will make the light visible to oncoming traffic one hundred eighty (180) degrees in front of the vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 9-19-14-5.5**

##### **Red and white, red and blue, red, or amber lights; violation**

Sec. 5.5. (a) Except for a:

(1) vehicle utilized in a funeral procession; or

(2) funeral escort vehicle bearing markings as described in IC 9-21-13-0.7;

a vehicle that is not described by sections 2 or 5 of this chapter may not display a red and white lamp or a red and blue lamp.

(b) A person who:

(1) possesses a vehicle with equipment described by sections 2 or 5 of this chapter; and

(2) is not authorized to display a red and white or red and blue lamp upon the vehicle;

shall immediately remove the red and white or red and blue lamp from the vehicle.

(c) A funeral escort vehicle, other than an authorized emergency vehicle used in a funeral procession or as a funeral escort vehicle, may display only red and white, red, or amber lights.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), a person who fails to comply with subsection (b) or (c) commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) Subsection (d) does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

(1) contains parts and accessories; and

(2) is equipped;

as required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

*As added by P.L.99-1991, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.80-2012, SEC.2; P.L.188-2015, SEC.60.*

**IC 9-19-14-6**

**Repealed**

*(As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.80-2012, SEC.3. Repealed by P.L.188-2015, SEC.61.)*