

UTAH STATUTES

“Emergency Vehicle”

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41-6a-904. Approaching emergency vehicle -- Necessary signals -- Stationary emergency vehicle -- Duties of respective operators.

(1) Except when otherwise directed by a peace officer, the operator of a vehicle, upon the immediate approach of an authorized **emergency vehicle** using audible or visual signals under Section [41-6a-212](#) or [41-6a-1625](#), shall:

(a) yield the right-of-way and immediately move to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection; and

(b) then stop and remain stopped until the authorized **emergency vehicle** has passed.

(2) The operator of a vehicle, upon approaching a stationary authorized **emergency vehicle** that is displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, or red and blue lights, shall:

(a) reduce the speed of the vehicle;

(b) provide as much space as practical to the stationary authorized **emergency vehicle**; and

(c) if traveling in a lane adjacent to the stationary authorized **emergency vehicle** and if practical, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the authorized **emergency vehicle**.

(3) The operator of a vehicle, upon approaching a stationary tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying flashing amber lights, shall:

(a) reduce the speed of the vehicle; and

(b) provide as much space as practical to the stationary tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle.

(4) This section does not relieve the operator of an authorized **emergency vehicle**, tow truck, or highway maintenance vehicle from the duty to drive with regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 2, 2005 General Session

41-6a-1004. Emergency vehicle -- Necessary signals -- Duties of operator -- Pedestrian to yield.

(1) A pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to an authorized **emergency vehicle** upon the immediate approach of an authorized **emergency vehicle** using audible or visual signals in accordance with Section [41-6a-212](#) or [41-6a-1625](#).

(2) This section does not relieve the operator of an authorized **emergency vehicle** from:

(a) the duty to drive with regard for the safety of all persons using the highway; nor

(b) from the duty to exercise care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian.

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41-6a-1625. Horns and warning devices -- Emergency vehicles.

(1) (a) A motor vehicle operated on a highway shall be equipped with a horn or other warning device in good working order.

- (b) The horn or other warning device:
 - (i) shall be capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet; and
 - (ii) may not emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle.
- (c) The operator of a motor vehicle:
 - (i) when reasonably necessary to insure safe operation, shall give audible warning with the horn; and
 - (ii) except as provided under Subsection (1)(c)(i), may not use the horn on a highway.
- (2) Except as provided under this section, a vehicle may not be equipped with and a person may not use on a vehicle a siren, whistle, or bell.
- (3) (a) A vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device if it is arranged so that it cannot be used by the operator as an ordinary warning signal.
- (b) A theft alarm signal device may:
 - (i) use a whistle, bell, horn or other audible signal; and
 - (ii) not use a siren.
- (4) (a) An authorized **emergency vehicle** shall be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet.
- (b) The type of sound shall be approved by the department based on standards adopted by rules under Section [41-6a-1601](#).
- (c) The siren on an authorized **emergency vehicle** may not be used except:
 - (i) when the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call; or
 - (ii) in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.
- (d) The operator of an authorized **emergency vehicle** shall sound the siren in accordance with this section when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other vehicle operators of the approach of the authorized **emergency vehicle**.

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41-6a-310. Private vehicle as **emergency vehicle -- Rules.**

- (1) The commissioner of the Department of Public Safety may make rules, consistent with this chapter, governing the use, in emergencies, of signal lights on privately owned vehicles.
- (2) The rules under Subsection (1) may authorize a privately owned vehicle to be designated for part-time emergency use.

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41-6a-1710. Following or parking near fire apparatus prohibited.

- Except for an authorized **emergency vehicle**, the operator of a vehicle may not:
- (1) follow closer than 500 feet any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm; or
 - (2) stop the vehicle within 500 feet of a fire apparatus which has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

41-6a-1616. High intensity beams -- Red or blue lights -- Flashing lights -- Color of rear lights and reflectors.

(1) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), under the conditions specified under Subsection [41-6a-1603](#)(1)(a), a lighted lamp or illuminating device on a vehicle, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall be directed so that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (1)(a) do not apply to head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, hazard warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps.

(c) A motor vehicle on a highway may not have more than a total of four lamps lighted on the front of the vehicle including head lamps, auxiliary lamps, spot lamps, or any other lamp if the lamp projects a beam of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower.

(2) (a) Except for an authorized **emergency vehicle** and a school bus, a person may not operate or move any vehicle or equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a red light that is visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

(b) Except for a law enforcement vehicle, a person may not operate or move any vehicle or equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a blue light that is visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

(3) A person may not use flashing lights on a vehicle except for:

(a) taillights of bicycles under Section [41-6a-1114](#);

(b) authorized emergency vehicles under rules made by the department under Section [41-6a-1601](#);

(c) turn signals under Section [41-6a-1604](#);

(d) hazard warning lights under Sections [41-6a-1608](#) and [41-6a-1611](#);

(e) school bus flashing lights under Section [41-6a-1302](#); and

(f) vehicles engaged in highway construction or maintenance under Section [41-6a-1617](#).

(4) A person may not use a rotating light on any vehicle other than an authorized **emergency vehicle**.