




Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Regional Engineers
From: Jack A. Elston 
Subject: Special Provision for Vehicle and Equipment Warning Lights
Date: August 5, 2022

This special provision was developed to improve work zone safety by requiring the Contractor's vehicles and equipment to be equipped with warning lights.

This special provision should be inserted into contracts with closed lane construction. It should not be used with moving operations only contracts.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the November 18, 2022 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

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VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARNING LIGHTS (BDE)

Effective: November 1, 2021

Revised: November 1, 2022

Add the following paragraph after the first paragraph of Article 701.08 of the Standard Specifications:

“The Contractor shall equip all vehicles and equipment with high-intensity oscillating, rotating, or flashing, amber or amber-and-white, warning lights which are visible from all directions. In accordance with 625 ILCS 5/12-215, the lights may only be in operation while the vehicle or equipment is engaged in construction operations.”

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