

LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS

Topic: Powered mobile equipment – Manual back-up alarms	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
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224 An employer shall ensure that powered mobile equipment

(f) is equipped with an audible back-up alarm that operates automatically when the equipment is in reverse and that is clearly audible above the background noise.

Question:

Is a manual back-up alarm satisfactory?

Answer:

No. A manual back-up alarm does not meet the requirements of either paragraph 224(f), 213.11(f), 216(1)(g) or 230.21(1)(f) because the alarm does not operate automatically when the switch is in the off position. The intention is that the back-up warning should go into operation automatically when a vehicle backs up so as to minimize human error.

