

Making sure your trailer has the correct lighting is a legal requirement under The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989. All lamps fitted must be in clean and working order at all times.

All trailers must have:

- Two red side lights.
- Two red stop lights.
- Two red reflective triangles.
- An illuminated number plate.
- Amber indicators that flash at 60 120 times per minute.
- A buzzer or light letting the driver know trailer the indicators are working correctly.

Trailers built after September 30th 1990 also require:

- White front reflectors.

Trailers more than 1.3m wide also require:

- At least one red fog lamp, mounted centre or right of centre.

Larger trailers 1.6m wide and over also require:

- White front markers/lights.

Trailers manufactured from October 2012 must be type approved:

- Reversing light required

Longer trailers 5m and over, excluding drawbar (but not boat trailers) require:

- Amber side reflectors (non triangular), at least two on each side, more maybe required depending on actual length.

Longer trailers 6m and over, excluding drawbar (but not boat trailers) require:

- Amber side lights, at least two on each side, more maybe required depending on actual length.