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# **PHONE NUMBERS, WEBSITES, AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### Permits/Vehicle Size and Weight

# ND Highway Patrol

Website	<u>www.nd.gov/ndhp</u>
Facebook	@northdakotahighwaypatrol
Twitter	@NDHighwayPatrol
Instagram	@ndhighwaypatrol
Regional Offices	
Motor Carrier Operations	
Highway Patrol Headquarters	
Capitol Grounds-Judicial Wing, Bismarck, ND	
ND Department of Transportation (Capitol Grounds, B	ismarck, ND)
Motor Carrier Services Section	
Website	http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/motor-carrier.htm

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)	
International Registration Plan (IRP)	
Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)	
Website	
Motor Vehicle Division (vehicle license)	
Driver License Division (operator's license)	
Website	<u>www.dot.nd.gov</u>
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. (CST), Monday – Friday	
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (Bismarck Office)	
Emergency Assistance & Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately	(REDDI)911
Road and Traveler Information	
Winter Road Information	
Areas not supported by 511 program	
Dood Conditions/Construction/Lood Destrictions	

Download the ND Roads App from Google Play or the App store, search: NDRoads

**CMV Hazardous Weather Travel:** <u>49 CFR 392.14</u> states; "Extreme caution in the operation of a commercial motor vehicle shall be exercised when hazardous conditions, such as those caused by snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust, or smoke, adversely affect visibility or traction. Speed shall be reduced when such conditions exist. If conditions become sufficiently dangerous, the operation of the commercial motor vehicle shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed until the commercial motor vehicle can be safely operated."

VISION: Public safety through quality service.

<u>MISSION</u>: The mission of the North Dakota Highway Patrol is to make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure.

# Values:

Loyalty-We will show allegiance to ourselves, our department, the state of North Dakota, our community, and to those who came before us and sacrificed so much to ensure the safety of our citizens. Integrity—We are honest, responsible, and ethical. Citizens place the highest trust in the NDHP. Each member must recognize that they are held to a higher standard of accountability than the public. We must always be mindful to NEVER violate the public trust. Our conduct, both on and off duty, must be beyond reproach.

**Commitment**—To fulfill the vision of the NDHP each employee must deliberately carry out their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

**Respect**—Because we are a diverse culture we value each other and all members of our community regardless of age, race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs or lifestyles. We will always show understanding, respect, and appreciation for our similarities and differences.

**Professionalism**—To be considered professional we must conform to the technical and ethical standards of our profession. Because we are highly trained and dedicated we are capable of handling the daily demands of law enforcement and devoting our full energy and talents to the department's vision.

Accountability—Employees at all levels and ranks must accept responsibility for their actions both in their personal life and in their professional life.

• North Dakota Motor Carrier Driver's Handbook

# I – COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATIONS

#### A. DRIVER'S LICENSE

All drivers of commercial vehicles in North Dakota must possess a valid operator's license for the type of vehicle they are operating.

- **Class A** Any vehicle combination with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) in excess of 26,000 pounds towing a trailer with a GVWR in excess of 10,000 pounds
- Class B Single unit in excess of 26,000 pounds GVWR may tow a trailer of not more than 10,000 pounds GVWR
- Class C Any vehicle not listed in Class A or B but requiring one or more commercial endorsements
- Class D Non-commercial vehicles other than motorcycles
- Class M Motorcycles

#### Commercial Endorsements

- H Authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials
- T Authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle pulling double or triple trailers
- P Authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle designed to transport more than 16 passengers including the driver

- N Authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons, and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more, that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. A CMV transporting an empty storage container tank not designed for transportation (rated capacity of 1,000 or more) that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer or a CMV transporting portable tanks with only residue are not considered a tank vehicle.
- S Authorizes the driver to operate a school bus
- X Authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle requiring a hazardous materials endorsement and/or a tanker endorsement.

#### Farm Exemption

The holder of a Class D license may operate any vehicle in a farm-to-market operation within 150 miles of the farm. If the vehicle is a ND Covered Farm Vehicle, it may be operated anywhere in North Dakota without a mile-age limitation. However, this exemption does not apply to double or triple trailer combinations. Operators under 18 years of age may not operate a truck tractor. Operators 14 and 15 years of age may not operate vehicles with a gross weight greater than 50,000 pounds. A Covered Farm Vehicle is a vehicle identified by the State of Registration as a farm vehicle, operated by the owner or employee of a farm or ranch, used to transport commodities or supplies to or from the farm, and not used in for-hire motor carrier operations. Form available at <u>www.dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn60860.pdf</u>

#### B. MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Commercial drivers may operate intrastate in North Dakota without meeting all of the requirements of 49CFR 391.41 b 1-11 provided:

- 1. The driver is otherwise qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle and possessed either a Class A or Class 1 license on March 26, 1991.
- 2. The driver has a medical condition that:
  - a. Would prevent operation of a commercial vehicle under 49CFR, Chapter III, Subchapter B,
  - b. Existed on March 26, 1991, or at the time of the first physical examination after that date,
  - c. An examining physician has determined the medical condition has not substantially worsened since March 26, 1991, or the time of the first medical examination after that date.

#### C. HOURS OF SERVICE

#### Interstate/Intrastate Drivers

All interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers must comply with the federal hours of service regulations. Intrastate CMV drivers, to include farm operations, (reference Covered Farm Vehicle Driver Exemption), must comply with the federal or state hours of service regulations. General information concerning hours of service is provided in the following pages. For information specific to your operation, refer to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR).

# Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs)

- 1. CMV drivers must maintain a record of duty status with an Electronic Logging Device (ELD) unless the driver qualifies for an exemption. For information on ELDs, visit: <u>https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/</u>
- 2. The ELD must be on FMCSA's list of approved devices which can be found at https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/List
- 3. The driver must possess the following items on board the CMV (may be maintained electronically):
  - a. A user's manual for the ELD
  - b. An instruction sheet that describes data transfer mechanisms
  - c. An instruction sheet describing ELD malfunction reporting requirements
  - d. A supply of blank paper logs for a minimum of 8 days
- 4. The device must transfer the data file, at the time of inspection, to an authorized safety official.
- 5. An ELD is not required if the driver is not required to complete a record of duty status due to an exemption in the hours of service regulations (i.e. Short Haul driver)
- 6. A driver is not required to use an ELD if one of the following ELD exemptions is met:
  - a. The vehicle being operated was manufactured before model year 2000, as reflected by the vehicle's VIN number shown on registration card
  - b. Driver is not required to complete a record of duty status more than 8 days in a 30-day period
  - c. Driver is operating a vehicle in driveway-towaway operation in which the vehicle being driven is being delivered as part of the shipment
  - d. Driver is operating a vehicle in a driveway-towaway operation and the vehicle is a motor home or recreational vehicle trailer

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# Log Books

- 1. If a CMV driver is exempt from the Electronic Logging Device regulation, they **must** maintain a record of duty status or log book, The record of duty status may be maintained in either a paper or electronic format, as outlined in the FMCSR. When two drivers operate the same vehicle, EACH driver must maintain their own record of duty status.
- 2. Log pages are prepared in duplicate with the original maintained at the motor carrier home office and the duplicate retained by the driver. Drivers must have in their possession a log for the day they are operating the vehicle and the previous seven days. The log must be current to the last change in duty status.
- 3. A separate log page is required for each and every day. However, two or more consecutive 24-hour <u>off duty</u> periods may be logged on one sheet. For example, a driver who is on vacation the first two weeks of July may fill out the top portion of the log and then line through the 24 hours off duty on line one and note in the remarks "vacation 7/1 through 7/14." The same can be done for a driver with weekends off fill out the top portion, line through the off-duty line, and note the date "7/1-7/2."
- 4. Records of duty status are broken into three separate sections. The top portion contains log information, the middle section is the duty section with an hour's graph, and the bottom section is for remarks. Some log pages may have these sections in a different order, but it should be noted that all three sections are required and must be completed regardless of location on the log.

a. The **top section** is fairly self-explanatory providing both the company and driver information. Company name should be the legal carrier name and not an abbreviated name. The city and state will suffice for the main office address. Enter a home terminal address if the driver works out of a terminal that is different from the main office address. Enter the date, vehicle numbers for both the truck and, if in combination, the trailer, and the total miles driven for that date. Your signature certifies the log page to be true and accurate.



b. The **middle portion** of the log contains the graph/grid. It covers a 24-hour period and may run from midnight to midnight, noon to noon, or any other 24-hour period as determined by the motor carrier. The middle portion has four parts:

Line 1 is for Off Duty: Log the time the driver is off duty and has no responsibility to the carrier, the equipment, the cargo, or to other work activity. Some common errors occur when time is logged in a sleeper berth as off duty or time working at another job as off duty. ANY time spent in the sleeper berth should be logged on line 2 and ANY work for compensation should be logged on line 4.

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**Note:** Time spent resting in a parked CMV may be counted as off-duty time. Also, a passenger in a moving CMV may count up to, but not exceeding, two hours time riding in the passenger seat of the CMV immediately before or after an 8-hour sleeper berth period as off-duty time.

Line 2 is for Sleeper Berth: Log any time spent in the sleeper berth (sleeping, reading, watching TV) on line 2.

Line 3 is for Driving: Log all time spent at the driving controls of a commercial motor vehicle on line 3.

Line 4 is for On Duty, Not Driving: Log any time spent on duty and not driving on line 4. This should include time spent in the passenger seat of the CMV, fueling, unloading, loading, tarping, clearing customs, working at another compensated job, etc.

c. The **bottom portion** is the remarks section. In the remarks section, if not noted elsewhere, note the shipment information (manifest number or shipper and commodity); and the location (city and state) where changes of duty status occur. Note other information, such as delays, impacting the trip.

# Hours of Service Rules

- 1. Hours of Service rules are the same regardless if the driver is using an ELD, AOBRD, paper log, or electronic log.
- Driving time in the U.S. is limited by the FMCSRs. When driving in Canada, driving time is limited by Canadian regulations. Drivers must always comply with the rules in the country they are driving. Below are the basic rules for *property carrying vehicles*. Drivers carrying passengers should consult the FMCSRs for information on hours of service.
  - a. **The 11-hour rule**. No driver may drive more than 11 hours after having 10 hours of rest. Only time on line 3 counts toward the 11-hour rule.
    - 1. A driver may not drive a CMV if 8 hours have passed since the last off duty or sleeper berth period of 30 minutes or more. This is referred to as the half-hour break requirement.
  - b. The 14-hour rule. No driver may drive (you may still be on duty but not driving) after 14 hours of starting a work shift after having 10 hours of rest. All time on all four lines counts toward the 14-hour rule, except any sleeper berth period of at least 8 consecutive hours but less than 10 consecutive hours.
  - c. **The 60-hour rule**. This rule is for companies not operating every day of the week. No driver may drive more than 60 hours in any 7 consecutive days. The driver may restart the 7 days by having 34 consecutive hours off-duty. Time on lines 3 and 4 count toward the 60-hour rule.
  - d. **The 70-hour rule**. This rule is for companies that operate vehicles every day of the week. No driver may drive more than 70 hours in any 8 consecutive days. The driver may restart the 8 days by having 34 consecutive hours off duty. All time on lines 3 and 4 count toward the 70-hour rule.

There are 4 methods for obtaining the required 10 hour break between shifts: **Option 1** – At least 10 <u>consecutive</u> and <u>uninterrupted</u> hours off duty.







Option 3 – At least 10 consecutive hours sleeper berth and off-duty time combined and uninterrupted.



**Option 4** – Sleeper Berth Provision. The equivalent of at least 10 consecutive hours off-duty can be obtained by spending at least 8 hours, but less than 10 consecutive uninterrupted hours, in the sleeper berth and an additional period of at least 2 hours, but less than 10 hours, in either sleeper berth or off-duty.



### Calculation of the 11-hour and 14-hour rule using the sleeper berth provision.

Calculation of the 11-hour driving limit includes all driving time; compliance must be re-calculated from the end of the first of the two periods used to comply with the sleeper berth provision.

Calculation of the 14-hour limit includes all time, except any sleeper berth period of at least 8 but less than 10 consecutive hours; compliance must be re-calculated from the end of the first of the two periods used to comply with the requirements of the sleeper berth provision.

#### Hours of Service Exemptions

Adverse Driving: The FMCSR permits a driver to drive up to two additional hours to complete a trip OR to reach a place of safety if adverse driving conditions are encountered. The rule applies ONLY WHEN the driver or dispatcher was not aware of the adverse weather conditions prior to the dispatch. It does not extend the 14-hour rule.

### **Oilfield Operations:**

- 1. Drivers of commercial motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of oilfield equipment and servicing of the field operations of the natural gas and oil industry, may restart any period of 7 or 8 consecutive days with a 24-hour restart (instead of a 34-hour restart). This exception is fairly broad, many CMV drivers in the oilfield industry are eligible for this exemption.
- 2. Specially trained drivers of CMVs that are specially constructed to service oil wells, on-duty time shall not include waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site. However, all such time must be fully and accurately accounted for by the motor carrier, either by using a "5-line" log, or by accounting for on-site time in the remarks section of

the record of duty status. This equipment generally consists of heavy machinery mounted on commercial motor vehicles, designed to fill a specific need.

Water haulers working in the oilfield are only permitted to take the first exception (24-hour restart), if they qualify for the exception.

**Short Haul CDL Driver:** Drivers are exempt from maintaining a record of duty status if they operate within 100 air miles of their normal work reporting location. In order to claim this exemption, the driver must return to the work reporting location; be released within 12 consecutive hours; have at least 10 consecutive hours off duty; does not exceed 11 hours driving time following the 10 hours off-duty; and the motor carrier maintains true and accurate time records for 6 months reflecting the time the driver reports for duty, is released from duty, and the total hours on-duty each day. A driver using this exemption is still required to follow the 60/70-hour rule.

Short Haul Non-CDL Driver: Drivers operating commercial vehicles that do not require a commercial driver's license are exempt from maintaining a record of duty status if they operate within 150 air mile radius of the normal work reporting location.

In order to claim this exemption, the driver must return to the normal work reporting location at the end of each duty tour; the driver must have at least 10 consecutive hours off-duty separating each on-duty period; the driver does not drive more than 11 hours following 10 hours off; the driver cannot drive after the 14<sup>th</sup> hour after coming on duty on 5 days of any period of 7 days and after the 16<sup>th</sup> hour after coming on duty on 2 days of any period of 7 consecutive days. The motor carrier must maintain true and accurate time records for 6 months which show the time the driver reports for duty, is released from duty, and total hours on duty each day. A driver using this exemption is still required to follow the 60/70-hour rule.

**Agricultural Operations**: Federal regulations governing maximum driving and on-duty time do not apply to a driver transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies, including farm equipment and machinery, for agricultural purposes in this state during planting and harvesting seasons from January 1 through December 31, within a 150 airmile radius from the source of the commodities or the distribution point for the supplies. A driver must complete a record of duty status when traveling outside the 150 air-mile radius from the source. The record of duty status will be required to be an ELD, unless the driver qualifies for an ELD exemption.

**Covered Farm Vehicle Drivers**: Drivers operating vehicles meeting the definition of a Covered Farm Vehicle are exempt from Hours of Service Regulations when operating intrastate or within 150 air miles of the farm in interstate commerce.

### Intrastate Hours of Service (N.D.C.C. 39-32)

Definition of intrastate driver: A driver who has operated for 7 days in intrastate commerce is eligible to be an intrastate driver. Once eligible, there is no need to operate for an additional 7 days to be considered an intrastate driver.

Intrastate drivers of vehicles who drive a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, gross combination weight, and gross combination weight rating over 26,000 pounds or use a vehicle to transport hazardous materials requiring a placard or drive a vehicle designed or used to transport sixteen or more people, including the driver in North Dakota may not drive:

- 1. More than 12 hours following 10 consecutive hours off duty,
- 2. For any period after having been on duty for 16 hours,
- 3. After having been on duty for 70 hours in 7 consecutive days.

An intrastate driver using the intrastate exemption does not need to maintain a record of duty status if:

- 1. The driver operates within a 150 air-mile radius from the driver's normal work reporting location or a 150 airmile radius from the official worksite of the vehicle.
- 2. The driver, except for a driver salesperson, returns to the work reporting location and is released from work within 12 consecutive hours.
- 3. At least 10 consecutive hours off duty separate each 12 hours on duty.
- 4. The motor carrier maintains and retains for a period of six months accurate time records showing the time the driver reports for duty and is released from duty each day.

*Note: A Driver using the Intrastate Hours of Service rules is not eligible for the 34 hour restart provision in the 60/70 hour rule.* 

# D. Cargo Securement

North Dakota follows the cargo securement guidelines as outlined in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) 49 CFR 393.100 – 393.136.

Cargo securement systems and tiedowns must meet the minimum performance criteria outlined in the FMCSR. Generally, when tiedowns are used as part of a cargo securement system, the minimum number of tiedowns required securing an article or group of articles against movement depends on the **length and weight** of the article(s) being secured.

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When an article is not blocked or positioned to prevent movement in the forward direction by a header board, bulkhead, other cargo, or other appropriate blocking devices, it must be secured by at least:

- One tiedown for articles 5 feet (1.52 meters) or less in length and 1,100 pounds (500 kg) or less in weight.
- Two tiedowns if the article is 5 feet (1.52 meters) or less in length and more than 1,100 pounds (500 kg) in weight, or longer than 5 feet (1.52 meters) but less than or equal to 10 feet (3.04 meters) in length, irrespective of the weight.
- Two tiedowns if the article is longer than 10 feet (3.04 meters), and one additional tiedown for every 10 feet (3.04 meters) of article length, or fraction thereof, beyond the first 10 feet (3.04 meters) of length.
- If an individual article is blocked, braced, or immobilized to prevent movement in the forward direction by a header board, bulkhead, or other articles which are adequately secured or by an appropriate blocking or immobilization method, it must be secured by at least one tiedown for every 10 feet (3.04 meters) of article length, or fraction thereof.

If operating a **special purpose vehicle**, special rules apply. A special purpose vehicle includes any vehicle transporting one or more articles of cargo such as, but not limited to, machinery or fabricated structural items (e.g., steel or concrete beams, crane booms, girders, and trusses, etc.) which, because of design, size, shape, or weight, must be fastened by special methods. In that case, any article of cargo carried on that vehicle must be securely and adequately fastened to the vehicle. However, specific tiedown requirements exist in the FMCSR for some specialty items including logs, dressed lumber, metal coils, paper rolls, concrete pipe, intermodal containers, heavy vehicles, crushed vehicles, automobiles, roll on-roll off containers, and boulders.

The aggregate working load limit of tiedowns used to secure an article or group of articles against movement must be at least one-half times the weight of articles or group of articles.

# E. OUT-OF-SERVICE CRITERIA

North Dakota Highway Patrol officers and motor carrier personnel are trained to perform inspections of commercial motor vehicles and to check driver credentials. While stopped at a weigh/inspection station or along the road, your vehicle may receive a safety inspection. Brakes, tires, exhaust systems, coupling devices, turn signals, and other equipment may be inspected. Drivers may be asked to present their CDL (commercial driver's license), valid medical certificate, log book (record of hours worked), and other supporting documents. If the equipment or driver fails to meet the regulation requirements and the violation is referenced in the CVSA Out of Service Criteria, the officer will not allow the driver or vehicle to proceed until the requirements have been met. A citation may also be issued.

- NDDOT CDL Information: <u>https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/driverslicense/cdlrequirements.htm</u>, 701-328-2600
- CMV Regulation questions, visit FAQ section at <u>https://www.nd.gov/ndhp/frequently-asked-questions</u> or contact NDHP Motor Carrier Operations, 701-328-5128
- To contest a violation on a driver/vehicle inspection, visit: <u>https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov/</u>
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## F. REGISTRATION

### Commercial Motor Vehicle Licensing (IRP)

North Dakota is a member of the International Registration Plan (IRP). IRP is a one-cab card registration system for interstate motor carriers. Commercial motor carriers register vehicles for other states through their base state. For more information regarding IRP, call the NDDOT, 701-328-1287.

Motor carriers who do not travel out of state must obtain commercial vehicle registration. To register and license a vehicle, contact the ND Motor Vehicle Division located in the Transportation Building on the Capitol grounds in Bismarck, 701-328-2725 or one of the NDDOT Motor Vehicle branch offices listed on the following page. Motor carriers opening a new IRP account or renewing an existing account must contact the Motor Carrier Services Section with the Motor Vehicle Division in Bismarck, 701-328-1287.

The Motor Carrier has a wide variety of new online options. Carriers now have the option to renew vehicles, file IFTA Quarterlies, increase weights, and even add new vehicles to their existing accounts. In most situations carriers receive a 60 day temporary to get the truck operating while the Motor Carrier office reviews all original paperwork. These activities can be completed online at <a href="https://apps.nd.gov/dot/cvisn/login.htm">https://apps.nd.gov/dot/cvisn/login.htm</a>.

Limited service is available at the North Dakota Motor Vehicle Division's branch offices located at Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Rugby. This service is limited to additions and deletions when replacing vehicles or adding new vehicles to an **existing currently licensed** account, weight increases, duplicate plates and cab cards, and obtaining additional IFTA decals. **There is a service fee** in addition to the required state fees as the branch offices are independent businesses.

Motor Vehicle			
Branch Offices	Beulah	Chamber Office, 300 Highway 49 S	701-873-4940
	Bismarck	NDDOT Building, 608 E Blvd Avenue	701-328-2725
	Bottineau	County Courthouse, 314 5th St W Suite 11	701-228-2035
	Bowman	County Courthouse, 104 1st St NW, Suite 2	701-523-3665
	Carson	County Courthouse,106 2nd Avenue NE	701-622-3275
	Devils Lake	Chamber Office, 208 W Highway 2	701-662-8966
	Dickinson	1173 3d Ave W, Suite 37B	701-227-6540
	Ellendale	216 Main Street	701-349-2045
	Fargo	745 45th St S Ste H	701-282-5070
	Grafton	Chamber Office, 432 Hill Avenue	701-352-0781
	Grand Forks	1726 S Washington Street, Suite 55	701-772-1390
	Jamestown	Chamber Office, 120 2nd Street SE	701-952-0852
	Langdon	County Courthouse, 901 3rd Street, Suite 14	701-256-2511
	Linton	County Courthouse, 100 4th Street NW	701-254-4802
	Lisbon	County Courthouse, 204 5th Avenue W	701-683-6152
	Minot	Arrowhead Shopping Ctr, 1600 2nd Ave SW	701-857-8221
	Rugby	140 Viking Drive	701-776-5734
	Valley City	Chamber Office, 250 Main Street W	701-845-3812
	Wahpeton	Chamber Office 1505 11th St N	701-642-2652
	Watford City	County Courthouse, 201 5th St NW, Ste 10	701-444-3616
	Williston	721 E Highland Dr. Ste D	701-774-4530

# Fuel Licensing (IFTA)

If traveling outside North Dakota, a fuel permit or "IFTA" license must be obtained. The International Fuel Tax Agreement is an agreement among states to simplify the reporting of fuel use taxes by interstate motor carriers. Both the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and International Registration Plan (IRP) are available to interstate truckers.

Contact the Motor Carrier Services Section of the NDDOT Motor Vehicle Division in Bismarck, 701-328-1287, for additional information or to determine the appropriate licensing for your operation. IFTA is also available to purchase online at <u>www.dot.nd.gov</u> click on Motor Carrier Systems.

# G. WEIGH INSPECTION LOCATIONS

- 1. All vehicles over 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating or more are subject to safety inspections at fixed or roadside locations.
- 2. All vehicles within the state are subject to having weights verified on either portable or fixed scales by any sworn law enforcement officer. (NDCC 39-12-07)
- 3. During safety or weight inspections, random vehicle, hours of service, and driver's license checks are conducted. Vehicles and/or operators found with an out-of-service violation will be placed out of service.
- 4. Drivers not in possession of valid North Dakota permits or licenses will be required to obtain these documents before being allowed to proceed. A fee will be charged for those permits not in the driver's possession and a receipt issued. Drivers are subject to receiving a citation for operating without the proper permits or licenses.
- 5. Actual weights will be checked against the licensed weight of the vehicle. 72-hour trip permits are required if the licensed weight of out-of-state trucks is exceeded.

- 6. Interstate trucks are required to have an IRP cab card in possession, with North Dakota listed, or purchase a \$20 72-hour trip permit.
- 7. Interstate trucks are required to display IFTA credentials or purchase a \$15 fuel permit.
- 8. Trip and fuel permits are available to nonresident carriers online at <u>www.nd.gov/ndhp/motor-carrier/e-permits</u>.

# II – VEHICLE SIZE AND WEIGHT

Vehicles and load movements in North Dakota shall comply with the following size and weight limits. Nonreducible loads and/or vehicles exceeding limits shall obtain a special permit. A legible electronic or paper copy of the permit must be carried in the vehicle at the time of the movement (see Permits for Oversize and/or Overweight Vehicles, page 46).

# A. Legal Width

8 feet 6 inches on all highways.

# Exceptions:

1. Construction and building contractors' equipment and vehicles used to move such equipment, which does not exceed ten feet in width when being moved by contractors or resident carriers. Nighttime travel is allowed provided moving equipment is properly lighted.

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- 2. Implements of husbandry being moved by **resident** farmers, ranchers, dealers, manufacturers, or government entities between sunrise and sunset. Nighttime travel is allowed provided the implements are properly lighted and not being moved on the interstate highway system.
- 3. Hay in the stack being moved along the extreme right edge of a roadway between sunrise and sunset by someone other than a commercial mover. Commercial hay movers, over width self-propelled fertilizer spreaders, over width self-propelled agricultural chemical applicators, hay grinders, forage harvesters, and grain cleaners if the owners have seasonal permits.
- 4. All vehicles exempt from width limitations are subject to safety rules adopted by the ND Highway Patrol, see <u>ND Administrative Code, 38-05.</u>

# B. LEGAL HEIGHT

14 feet whether loaded or unloaded, except that such height limitation shall not affect any present structure such as bridges and underpasses that are not 14 feet in height.

### Exception:

Implements of husbandry may not exceed 15 feet 6 inches in height when being moved by **resident** farmers, ranchers, dealers, or manufacturers between sunrise and sunset. The distance traveled cannot exceed 60 miles and travel on the interstate system is not allowed.

### Vertical Clearances

The North Dakota Department of Transportation Bridge Vertical Clearance List may be obtained at click on <u>www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/bridge/docs/VerticalClearances.pdf</u>.

14 Feet or Less

Disclaimer:

The vertical dimensions listed are the maximum distances under ideal conditions. THERE IS NO ALLOW-ANCE IN THESE DIMENSIONS FOR SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS, ETC.

At all structure underpass locations having depressed grades, the clearance given is based on a trailer length overall of 40 feet.

The dimensions are furnished on an information basis only. THE ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGES IN CONDITIONS. It is the permit holders' responsibility to verify the clearances on the route traveled.

Clearances on State Highways					
Mile point	Exit			Clear	ance
	No.	Highway # Structure	Direction	FT	IN
157.424		ND #8 – BNRR – Stanley, Main St	Underpass	13	07
002.021		US10 – BNRR– Casselton, 1 W of ND 18	Underpass	13	04
114.982		ND #14 – BNRR– Towner	Underpass	13	02
070.811		ND #22 – BNRR– Dickinson	Underpass	13	05
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	Clearances on City Streets			
Mile point	nt City Street Structure Direction		Clearance	
900.729	Bismarck – Bus. US 83/9th St. – BNRR UP	Northbound	13 ft 08 in	
903.335	Bismarck – Bus. US 83/7th St. – BNRR UP	Southbound	13 ft 05 in	
City	Jamestown – 4th Ave. NE/BNRR UP	Underpass	12 ft 07 in	
926.783	Fargo – Bus. US 81/Main Ave. & 10th, BNRR UP	Northbound	13 ft 02 in	
927.092	Fargo – Bus. US 81/10th St. BNRR UP	Northbound	13 ft 07 in	
927.132	Fargo – Bus. US 81/ University Dr. & 7th Ave N– BNRR UP	Southbound	13 ft 10 in	
931.984	Fargo – Bus. US 81/University Dr. – BNRR UP	Southbound	13 ft 07 in	
City	Access Rd & BNSF 2d St, N of Main - Fargo		14 ft 00 in	
City	CP Railway, 1 E of Valley City		14 ft 00 in	
City	BNSF Railroad CR 19, West Fargo		13 ft 10in	
City	BNSF Railroad Center St, West Fargo		13 ft 06 in	
060.457	State Ave Separation – 194, Dickinson	Under clearance	13 ft 07 in	

# C. LEGAL LENGTH

- 1. A single unit vehicle with two or more axles including the load thereon shall not exceed a length of 50 feet.
- 2. The length of a trailer or semitrailer including the load thereon **may not exceed 53 feet** except trailers and semitrailers titled and registered in North Dakota prior to July 1, 1987, and towed vehicles may not exceed 60 feet.
- 3. A combination of two, three, and four units including the load thereon **shall not exceed an overall length of 75 feet** on non-designated highways.
  - a. Three and four unit combinations are subject to safety rules adopted by the NDDOT director.
- 4. A combination of two, three, or four units including the load thereon may exceed 75 feet in overall length but shall not exceed 95 feet or 110 feet when traveling on four-lane divided highways and state highways designated by the NDDOT director and local authorities as to highways under their respective jurisdictions.
  - a. All combinations are subject to safety rules adopted by the NDDOT director.
  - b. Authorized vehicle combinations exceeding 75 feet in overall length shall operate on designated highways as shown on the Designated Highway Map (see map page 35).
  - c. Authorized combinations include the following:
    - 1) Any combination of two units
    - 2) Truck-tractor/semitrailer/trailer
    - 3) Truck-tractor/semitrailer/semitrailer
    - 4) Truck/trailer/trailer
      - a) Truck must be properly registered and designed to legally carry a gross weight of more than
    - *32* 24,000 pounds.

- b) Both trailers and semitrailers must be designed to carry gross weights of more than 24,000 pounds.
- 5) Truck-tractor/semitrailer/trailer/trailer



TRUCK AND TWO TRAILERS



TRUCK-TRACTOR, SEMI TRAILER AND SEMI TRAILER (B-TRAIN)



TRUCK-TRACTOR, SEMITRAILERAND TWO TRAILERS OR TWO SEMITRAILERS (TRIPLE BOTTOM) CONVERTED TO TRAILERS WITH CONVERTER DOLLIES

Exceptions:

- 1. Building moving equipment
- 2. Emergency tow trucks towing disabled lawful combinations of vehicles to a nearby repair facility
- 3. Vehicles and equipment owned and operated by the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard of this state
- 4. Structural material of telephone, power, and telegraph companies.
- 5. Truck-mounted haystack moving equipment provided such equipment does not exceed a length of 56 feet.
- 6. A truck-tractor and semitrailer and trailer when operated on the interstate highway system or parts of the national network designated by the DOT director.
  - a. The cargo carrying length shall not exceed 100 feet on a semitrailer and trailer or semitrailer converted to a trailer by use of a converter dolly and fifth wheel when the power unit is a truck-tractor.
- 7. Automobile transporters are allowed to transport cargo or freight on a backhaul. They are allowed 80 feet on a stinger-steered automotive transporter with a front overhang of less than 4 feet and a rear overhang of less than 6 feet.
- 8. A trailer transporter towing unit may have a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transport towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers with a total weight not to exceed 26,000 pounds, and in which the trailer or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailer or semitrailers. Length may not exceed 82 feet on the towaway trailer transporter combination.

#### For highways designated for longer combinations, see map on the following page.

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or Includes designated highways where vehicle combinations as provided for in Chapter 37-06-04, NDAC, may exceed 75 ft. but not exceed 110 ft. in overall length. Annual over length permits are allowed up to 120 ft. for non-divisible loads.

length may travel a distance of 10 miles on state highways off the designated routes

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9-1 ANNEX B

### North Dakota Highway Patrol D. LEGAL WEIGHT North Dakota Weight Computation Formula

Computed to nearest foot by the weight formula in Section 39-12-05 and Section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code.

# The formula is W = 500 [LN/N-1 + 12N + 36]

W = Maximum weight in pounds on any group of two or more axles.

L = Distance in feet between extremes of any group of two or more consecutive axles.

N = Number of axles in the group under consideration.

#### Online North Dakota Truck Weight Calculator

The online truck weight calculator provides a convenient way to determine the maximum legal weight that any set of axles on a vehicle/vehicle combination may carry on North Dakota's interstates and state highways. The allowable weight on a vehicle/vehicle combination may increase by either adding additional axles or by increasing the distance between axles. The formula for the calculator is a weight-to-length ratio. The calculator is available through NDSU Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) website: <a href="http://dotsc.ugpti.ndsu.nodak.edu/TWC/WeightCalculator.aspx">http://dotsc.ugpti.ndsu.nodak.edu/TWC/WeightCalculator.aspx</a>.
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0 00	39,000	43,000						
10	40,000*	43,500						
11		44,500						
12		45,000	50,000					
13		46,000	50,500					
14		46,500	51,500	27,000				
15		47,500	52,000	27,500				
16		48,000	52,500	58,000				
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33			64,000	68,500	74,000	79,500	85,000	90,500
34			64,500	69,500	74,500	80,000	85,500	91,000
35			65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	86,000	91,500
36	Two consecutive sets of	e sets of	66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	86,500	92,500
37	tandem axles may carry a	ay carry a	66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	87,000	93,000
8 8	gross lodd of 24,000 pounds	Nuv pounds	L 000,300 L	70 600	77 600	000'20	002 00	000,000
40	distance between the first and	en the first and	68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	000'68	94,500
	sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more	axles is 36 feet						
41	-		69.500	73,500	78,500	84,000	89.500	95.000
42			000'02	74,500	29,000	84,500	000'06	95,500
43			70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,500	96,000
44			71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	91,000	6000,76
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groups of 2 or more consecutive axles	Maximum Load in Pounds Carried on any Group of 2 or More Consecutive Axles 2 Axles 3 Axles 4 Axles 5 Axles 6 Axles 7 Axles 8 Axle	in Pounds Carri 4 Axles	ed on any G 5 Axles	roup of 2 or M 6 Axles	fore Consecut 7 Axles	ve Axles . 8 Axles	9 Axles
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47		73,500	77,500	82,000	87,500	93,000	98,500
\$		74 500	18,000	83,000	88,000	93,500	55
64 20		75,500	005.67	84,000	000 68	94,500	100,000
51		76.000	80.000	84,500	000006	95.000	100.500
52		76.500	80.500	85.000	90.500	95,500	101.500
53		77,500	81,000	86,000	91,000	96,500	102,000
55		78,000	82,000	86,500	91,500	000'26	102,500
55	No. of the second se	78,500	82,500	87,000	92,000	97,500	103,000
56	Gross weight limit on interstate.	79,500	83,000	87,500	92,500	98,000	103,500
57	Gross weight limit on county	\$0'000	83,500	88,000	93,500	98,500	104,000
28	and other local highways		84,500	000'68	000'86	000'66	104,500
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69			87.000	91,000	86,000	101,500	
3 23			87,500	92,000	000026	102.000	
5			88,000	92,500	97,500	102,500	
65			88,500	93,000	98,000	103,000	
99			89,500	93,500	98,500	103,500	
67			000'06	94,000	000'66	104,500	
88			90,500	95,000	99,500	105,000	
69			91,000	95,500	100,500	105,500*	
20			92,000	96,000	101,000		
11			92,500	96,500	101,500		
72			93,000	000'26	102,000		
23			93,500	98,000	102,500		
74			94,500	98,500	103,000		
75			95,000	66'000	104,000	1.2	
76			95,500	66'200	104,500		
11			96,000	100,000	105,000		
82			000'16	101,000	105,500*		
62			97,500	101,500			
80			98,000	102,000			
81			98,500	102,500			
82			99,500	103,000	"Maxim	Maximum Gross Weight	sight
83			100,000*	104,000			,
84				104,500			
58				105,000			
88				105,500*			

#### North Dakota Axle Weight Limitations

No single axle shall carry a gross weight in excess of 20,000 lbs. Axles spaced 40 inches or less apart are considered one axle. Axles spaced eight (8) feet apart or over are considered as individual axles. The gross weight of two individual axles may be restricted by the weight formula except that on highways other than the interstate, two axles spaced eight (8) feet apart or more may have a combined gross weight not to exceed 40,000 lbs. Spacing between axles shall be measured from axle center to axle center.

Axles spaced over 40 inches apart and less than eight (8) feet apart shall not carry a gross weight in excess of 19,000 lbs. per axle. The gross weight on a tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 lbs. The gross weight of three or more axles in a grouping is determined by the measurement between the extreme axle centers except that on high-ways other than the interstate, groupings of three or more axles may have a gross weight not to exceed 48,000 lbs. The weight per inch width of tire shall not exceed 550 lbs.

The weight on the steering axle shall be determined by the manufacturer's axle rating and shall not exceed 20,000 Ibs. when travel is on the interstate system or on Defense Highways. When travel is on Defense Highways, the load shall be for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Metric tire sizes are converted to inches by dividing millimeters by 25.4. The width of tire for solid tires shall be the rim width. For pneumatic tires the width of tire shall be the manufacturer's width. The weight in pounds on any one wheel shall not exceed one-half the allowable axle weight. Dual tires are considered one (1) wheel.

Tire Width	Single Axle (2 Tires)	Single Axle (4 Tires)	Tandem Axle (4 Tires)	Tandem Axle (8 Tires)	Triple Axle (6 Tires)	Triple Axle (12 Tires)
7	7,700	15,400	15,400	30,800	23,100	
7:5	8,250	16,500	16,500	33,000	24,750	
8	8,800	17,600	17,600	34,000	26,400	
8:25	9,075	18,150	18,150	34,000	27,225	
9	9,900	19,800	19,800	34,000	29,700	
10	11,000	20,000	22,000	34,000	33,000	
11	12,100	20,000	24,200	34,000		Determined by
12	13,200	20,000	26,400	34,000		Determined by Weight Formula
13	14,300	20,000	28,600	34,000		
14	15,400	20,000	30,800	34,000	Determined by	
15	16,500	20,000	33,000	34,000	Determined by Weight Formula	
16:5	18,150	20,000	34,000	34,000		
17:5	19,250	20,000	34,000	34,000		
18	19,800	20,000	34,000	34,000		

Bridge Load Limitations Map, see page 60.

Metric Tire Conversion Examples
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Metric Tire Size	Tire Width in Inches	Maximum Weight	Metric Tire Size	Tire Width in Inches	Maximum Weight
245/75R22.5	9.6 inches	5,280 lbs per tire	315/75R22.5	12.4 inches	6,820 lbs per tire
255/70R22.5	10 inches	5,550 lbs per tire	385/65R22.5	15.1 inches	8,305 lbs per tire
265/75R22.5	10.4 inches	5,720 lbs per tire	425/65R22.5	16.7 inches	9,185 lbs per tire
275/80R22.5	10.8 inches	5,940 lbs per tire	445/65R22.5	17.5 inches	9,625 lbs per tire
285/75R24.5	11.2 inches	6,160 lbs per tire	455/65R22.5	17.9 inches	9,845 lbs per tire
295/75R22.5	11.6 niches	6,380 lbs per tire	465/65R22.5	18.3 inches	10,000 lbs per tire

\*Axle weights must be within legal limits.

Examples of Bridge Formula Application on the Interstate System



**Note**: On the Interstate System, the interior and exterior bridge measurement shall be used to determine the gross vehicle weight (GVW) of a vehicle or combination of vehicles. Maximum legal GVW is 80,000 pounds without a permit.

Examples of Bridge Formula Application on the State Highway System



**Note**: On highways other than the Interstate System, only the exterior bridge measurement shall be used to determine the gross vehicle weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Groupings of three or more axles may have a gross weight not to exceed 48,000 pounds.

For permits on 4-axle straight trucks, visit: https://www.nd.gov/ndhp/bridge-length-permit.



#### E. Spring Load Restriction Weight Limit Classifications

In the spring of the year and on highways with load limits year round, highways may be restricted to lower axle weights. Signs will be erected and maintained showing the restriction in place. To view a map showing restricted state highways, visit the NDDOT website at <u>www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info</u>, click on Load Restrictions, or call 701- 328-2545 or 701-328-2621. Weight limits may vary on local roads and on the interstate system.

North Da	akota Departme	nt of Transportatio	n Spring Load Restriction Class	ifications
Class	Single Axle	Tandem Axle	3 Axles or More	Gross Vehicle Weight
Restricted by Legal Weights	20,000 lbs.	34,000 lbs. – not to exceed 17,000 lbs. per axle	17,000 lbs. /axle. On divisible loads the gross weight of the axle grouping may not exceed 48,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 105,500 lbs.
8-Ton	Not to exceed 16,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 16,000 lbs. per axle	14,000 lbs. /axle. On divisible loads the gross weight of the axle grouping may not exceed 42,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 105,500 lbs.
7-Ton	Not to exceed 14,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 14,000 lbs. per axle	12,000 lbs. /axle. On divisible loads the gross weight of the axle grouping may not exceed 36,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 105,500 lbs.
6-Ton	Not to exceed 12,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 12,000 lbs. per axle	10,000 lbs. /axle. On divisible loads the gross weight of the axle grouping may not exceed 30,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 80,000 lbs.
5-Ton	Not to exceed 10,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 10,000 lbs. per axle	10,000 lbs. /axle. On divisible loads the gross weight of the axle grouping may not exceed 30,000 lbs.	Not to exceed 80,000 lbs.

### III – PERMITS

The following permits can be purchased online at <u>www.nd.gov/ndhp/motor-carrier/e-permits</u>. A brief explanation of each permit type is provided toward the bottom of the NDHP E-Permit webpage. Permits can also be obtained from the NDHP Permit office, a trooper or motor carrier inspector.

#### Permits available online:

Over Dimensional Only Permit #	10% Harvest/Winter Permit/Durational +
Trip Permit (in lieu of registration) +	Approved Equipment +
Oversize/Overweight Permit #	Annual Over Width Permit +
Fuel Permit	Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Permit #+
Interstate Permit #+	Mobile Home Permit #
Custom Combine Permit #+	Special Mobile Equipment Permit #
Bridge Length Permit #+	Work Over Rig Permit #
Seasonal +	Building Permit #
129,000 Primary Network #+	Annual Over Length Permit+
	# denotes Single-Trip Permit

# denotes Single-Trip Permit + denotes Multi-Trip Permit

#### A. Non-reducible Oversize and/or Overweight Vehicles or Load Movements

#### Travel Restrictions and Safety Requirements

<u>All</u> over-dimensional and overweight permits have specific conditions that apply to all types of loads. <u>All</u> overdimensional vehicles and loads shall have minimum 18"x18" red or bright orange flags displayed on the traffic side: front and rear. When the overall length of an over-dimensional movement exceeds 75 feet, or width exceed 8'6" there shall be at least 12" X 60" OVERSIZE LOAD sign on the front and rear. All over-dimensional loads are restricted to travel from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, unless ten feet or less in width and legal on all other dimensions. Authorized nighttime movements shall be lighted with clearance lights visible from the front, rear, and side marking the outermost width of the vehicle/load. Rotating or flashing amber light(s) shall be mounted above the cab and visible from the front and rear for a distance not less than 500 feet under clear atmospheric conditions at night. There are weekend and holiday travel restrictions when the overall width of a load or vehicle exceeds 16 feet.

Manufactured housing units may not move when wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour. Overall width shall not exceed 18 feet. Oversize Load (12" X 60") signs are required on the front end of the towing vehicle and on the backside of the manufactured housing unit for all movements. Proof of insurance showing the amounts of coverage shall be required to obtain a permit.

Overweight vehicles or loads shall not move on flexible pavements when atmospheric temperature is 90 degrees F. or above. The speed shall not exceed 40 miles per hour if GVW is more than 120,000 pounds or more than 5,000 pounds over legal/posted axle weight limits unless travel is on I-29 or I-94. Overweight permits will be issued for hauling ONLY single piece loads, and self-propelled non-reducible vehicles.

Pilot car(s) are required for all movements exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width, 18 feet in height, and 120 feet in overall length. In lieu of the pilot car, **overwidth** movements exceeding 14 feet 6 inches, but not 16 feet may be equipped with lighted rotating or flashing amber light(s) that are visible from the front and rear at 500 feet. Load movements exceeding 18 feet in overall width are subject to an NDHP escort. Excessive overweight load movements are also subject to pilot cars and an official escort.

#### Axle Weight Limitations

- 1. Axle weight limitations for vehicles and vehicle combinations (with permit).
  - a. Vehicles or vehicle combinations hauling non-divisible overweight loads cannot exceed the following maximum permit axle weights. (Single and tandem axle weights may not exceed 600 pounds per inch width of tire; groupings with three axles or more may not exceed 550 pounds per inch width of tire.) Metric tire sizes are converted to inches by dividing millimeters by 25.4.

Tire Size	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires	Triple Axle 12 Tires	Four Axles 16 Tires
8.2	9,840 #	19,680 #	19,680 #	39,360 #	54,120 #	*68,000 #
9	10,800 #	21,600 #	21,600 #	43,200 #	59,400 #	*68,000 #
10	12,000 #	*24,000 #	24,000 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
11	13,200 #	*24,000 #	26,400 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
12	14,400 #	*24,000 #	28,800 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
13	15,600 #	*24,000 #	31,200 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
14	16,800 #	*24,000 #	33,600 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
15	18,000 #	*24,000 #	36,000 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
16.5	19,800 #	*24,000 #	39,600 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
17.5	21,000 #	*24,000 #	42,000 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
18	21,600 #	*24,000 #	43,200 #	*45,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
20.5	24,000#	24,000#	45,000#	45,000#	60,000#	68,000#

\*Maximums include all tolerances

- b. For all axle groupings of four axles or more, no axle shall exceed 19,000 pounds per axle.
  - 1. On a group of five axles, the gross weight shall not exceed 85,000 pounds; and on a group of six axles, the gross weight shall not exceed 102,000 pounds.
- 2) Axle weight limitations for fixed load equipment mounted on truck-type chassis.

a. The following are the maximum permittable axle weights for fixed load equipment mounted on truck-type chassis such as truck cranes. (Single and tandem axle weights may not exceed 650 pounds per inch width of tire; groupings with three or more axles may not exceed 550 pounds per inch width of tire.) Metric tire sizes are converted to inches by dividing millimeters by 25.4. "m" denotes tire width in millimeters.

Tire Size	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires	Triple Axle 6 Tires	Triple Axle 12 Tires	Four Axle 8 Tires	Four Axle 16 Tires
8.2	10,660	21,320	21,320	42,640	27,060	54,120	36,080 #	*68,000 #
9	11,700 #	23,400 #	23,400 #	46,800 #	29,700 #	59,400 #	39,600 #	*68,000 #
10	13,000 #	26,000 #	26,000 #	*50,000 #	33,000 #	*60,000 #	44,000 #	*68,000 #
11	14,300 #	28,600 #	28,600 #	*50,000 #	36,300 #	*60,000 #	48,400 #	*68,000 #
11.2				,		,	,	
285 m 11.6	14,560 #	29,120 #	29,120 #	*50,000 #	36,960 #	*60,000 #	49,280 #	*68,000 #
295 m	15,080 #	*30,000 #	30,160	*50,000 #	38,280 #	*60,000 #	51,040 #	*68,000 #
12 12.4	15,600 #	*30,000 #	31,200 #	*50,000 #	39,600 #	*60,000 #	52,800 #	*68,000 #
315 m	16,120 #	*30,000 #	32,240 #	*50,000 #	40,920 #	*60,000 #	54,560 #	*68,000 #
13	16,900 #	*30,000 #	33,800 #	*50,000 #	42,900 #	*60,000 #	57,200 #	*68,000 #
14	18,200 #	*30,000 #	36,400 #	*50,000 #	46,200 #	*60,000 #	61,600 #	*68,000 #

Tire Size 14.3	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires	Triple Axle 6 Tires	Triple Axle 12 Tires	Four Axle 8 Tires	Four Axle 16 Tires
365 m	18,590#	*30,000 #	37,180 #	*50,000 #	47,190 #	*60,000 #	62,920 #	*68,000 #
15	19,500 #	*30,000 #	39,000 #	*50,000 #	49,500 #	*60,000 #	66,000 #	*68,000 #
15.1		,	,	,	,	,	,	
385 m	19,630 #	*30,000 #	39,260#	*50,000 #	49,830 #	*60,000 #	66,440 #	*68,000 #
16.5	21,450 #	*30,000 #	42,900 #	*50,000 #	54,450 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #	*68,000 #
16.7								
425 m 17.5	21,710 #	*30,000 #	43,420 #	*50,000 #	55,110 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #	*68,000 #
445 m	22,750 #	*30,000 #	45,500 #	*50,000 #	57,750 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #	*68,000 #
18	23,400 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #	59,400 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #	*68,000 #
20.5	26,650 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #	*60,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #	*68,000 #

#### \*Maximums include all tolerances

b. The rear axles of a truck crane and the dollies mounted behind the truck crane are considered one combination. If a boom trailer or boom dolly is towed behind a truck crane, the towed trailer is considered a separate combination if the axle spacing is 8 feet or more behind the truck crane. The gross weight of axles or axle groupings on trailers or dollies pulled behind truck cranes or other fixed load vehicles cannot exceed axle weight limitations as authorized for vehicle combinations in section 1.a.

- 3. Workover Service Rig Axle weight limitations (\$100 permit fee).
  - a. Workover service rigs manufactured AFTER December 31, 2010 must comply with axle weights in Axle Weight Table 3a (p.53). Maximum permitted weights for single and tandem axles may not exceed 650 pounds per inch width of tire. Axle groupings with three or more axles may not exceed 550 pounds per inch width of tire.
  - b. Workover service rigs manufactured BEFORE January 1, 2011 must comply with axle weights in Axle Weight Table 3b (p. 54). If the workover service rig has groupings with three or more axles it is allowed to follow the weights in the three or more axle groupings in Axle Weight Table 3a (p.53). Maximum permitted weights for single and tandem axles may not exceed 670 pounds per inch width of tire.
  - c. Workover service rigs manufactured **BEFORE** January 1, 2011 can apply for a weight increase. The cost of the weight increase is \$990 and is only valid for 365 days from date of purchase. Workover rigs **MUST** be stripped of excess weight , if it exceeds weights allowed in Weight Table 3a. If weight increase is approved, the maximum permitted weights for single and tandem axle weights may not exceed 695 pounds per inch width of tire. Axle groupings with three or more axles may not exceed 550 pounds per inch width of tire. See Axle Weight Table 3c (p.55).
    - i. For all axle groupings with four axles or more, no axle shall exceed 19,000 pounds per axle.
    - ii. On a group with five axles, the gross weight shall not exceed 85,000 pounds; and on a group with six axles, the gross weight shall not exceed 102,000 pounds.
  - d. In sections a through c, metric tire sizes are converted to inches by dividing millimeters by 25.4, "m" denotes tire width in millimeters.

- 4. Routing is restricted by the Permit Bridge Load Limitations Map (page 48) and the Weight Limitations Map (page 35). Approved Routes for GVW up to 250,000 lbs. Map (page 49) and the Load Restriction Map, <u>www.dot.nd.gov</u>. The Weight Limitations Map denotes highways posted for 80,000 lbs. GVW. The Permit Bridge Load Limitations Map shows weight limitations for axle combinations when crossing over bridge structures. The Load Restriction Map denotes highways with reduced axle/gross vehicle weights.
- 5. Road construction may restrict requested routes of travel. For road construction information, visit the NDDOT Travel Information Map at <u>www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info</u> or contact the NDHP permit section.

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## Table 3a

Tire Size	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires	Triple Axle 6 Tires	Triple Axle 12 Tires	Four Axle 16 Tires
9	11,700 #	23,400 #	23,400 #	46,800 #	29,700 #	59,400 #	*68,000 #
10	13,000 #	26,000 #	26,000 #	*50,000 #	33,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
11	14,300 #	28,600 #	28,600 #	*50,000 #	36,300 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
11.2 285 m	14,560 #	29,120 #	29,120 #	*50,000 #	36,960 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
11.6 295 m	15,080 #	*30,000 #	30,160 #	*50,000 #	38,280 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
12	15,600 #	*30,000 #	31,200 #	*50,000 #	39,600 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
12.4 315 m 13	16,120 # 16,900 #	*30,000 #	32,240 # 33,800 #	*50,000 # *50,000 #	40,920 # 42,900 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
14	18,200 #	*30,000 #	36,400 #	*50,000 #	46,200 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
14.3 365 m	18,590 #	*30,000 #	37,180 #	*50,000 #	47,190 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
15	19,500 #	*30,000 #	39,000 #	*50,000 #	49,500 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
15.1 385 m	19,630 #	*30,000 #	39,260 #	*50,000 #	49,830 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
16:5	21,450 #	*30,000 #	42,900 #	*50,000 #	54,450 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
16.7 425 m	21,710 #	*30,000 #	43,420 #	*50,000 #	55,110 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
17.5 445 m	22,750 #	*30,000 #	45,500 #	*50,000 #	57,750 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
18	23,400 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #	59,400 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #
20.5	26,650 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #	*60,000 #	*60,000 #	*68,000 #

\*Maximums include all tolerances

Table 3b

Tire Size	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires
11	14,740 #	29,480 #	29,480 #	*50,000 #
11.2 (285 m)	15,008 #	*30,000 #	30,016 #	*50,000 #
11.6 (295 m)	15,544 #	*30,000 #	31,088 #	*50,000 #
12	16,080 #	*30,000 #	32,160 #	*50,000 #
12.4 (315 m)	16,616 #	*30,000 #	33,232 #	*50,000 #
13	17,420 #	*30,000 #	34,840 #	*50,000 #
14	18,760 #	*30,000 #	37,520 #	*50,000 #
14.3 (365 m)	19,162 #	*30,000 #	38,324 #	*50,000 #
15	20,100 #	*30,000 #	40,200 #	*50,000 #
15.1 (385 m)	20,234 #	*30,000 #	40,468 #	*50,000 #
16.5	22,110 #	*30,000 #	44,220 #	*50,000 #
16.7 (425 m)	22,378 #	*30,000 #	44,756 #	*50,000 #
17.5 (445 m)	23,450 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #
18	24,120 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #
20.5	27,470 #	*30,000 #	*46,800 #	*50,000 #

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Tire Size	Single Axle 2 Tires	Single Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 4 Tires	Tandem Axle 8 Tires	Triple Axle 6 Tires	Triple Axle 12 Tires	Four Axle 16 Tires
9	12,510 #	25,020 #	25,020 #	50,040 #	29,700 #	59,400 #	70,720 #
10	13,900 #	27,800 #	27,800 #	*52,000 #	33,000 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
11	15,290 #	30,580 #	30,580 #	*52,000 #	36,300 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
11.2 285 m	15,568 #	31,136 #	31,136 #	*52,000 #	36,960 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
11.6 295 m	16,124 #	*31,200 #	32,248 #	*52,000 #	38,280 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
12	16,680 #	*31,200 #	33,360 #	*52,000 #	39,600 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
12.4 315 m	17,236 #	*31,200 #	34,472 #	*52,000 #	40,920 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
13	18,070 #	*31,200 #	36,140 #	*52,000 #	42,900 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
14	19,460 #	*31,200 #	38,920 #	*52,000 #	46,200 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
14.3 365 m	19,877 #	*31,200 #	39,754 #	*52,000 #	47,190 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
15 15.1	20,850 #	*31,200 #	41,700 #	*52,000 #	49,500 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
385 m	20,989 #	*31,200 #	41,978 #	*52,000 #	49,830 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
16:5	22,935 #	*31,200 #	45.870 #	*52,000 #	54,450 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
16.7 425 m	23,213 #	*31,200 #	46,426 #	*52,000 #	55,110 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
17.5 445 m	24,325 #	*31,200 #	48,650 #	*52,000 #	57,750 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
18	25,020 #	*31,200 #	*48,672 #	*52,000 #	59,400 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #
20.5	28,495 #	*31,200 #	*48,672 #	*52,000 #	*62,400 #	*62,400 #	*70,720 #

\*Maximums include all tolerances

- 6. A legible electronic or paper copy of a permit, must be in possession prior to starting any oversize/overweight vehicle or load movement. Permits may be obtained by visiting the NDHP website at https://www.nd.gov/ndhp, click on E-permits; by contacting the ND Highway Patrol permit section at 701-328-2621; or by contacting a trooper or motor carrier inspector. The following information must be available to complete the permit application:
  - a. Company name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number and email address (optional)
  - b. Description of power unit: Year, make, serial number, license number and state, ND registered GVW, tire width (from tire sidewall), number of axles, number of tires per axle, axle spacing, and track width (when applicable). Please see example on page 57.
  - c. Description of towed unit: type of unit: Width, length, number of axles, number of tires per axle, tire width (from tire sidewall axle spacing, track widths (when applicable),
  - d. Axle weights and gross vehicle weight if overweight is requested.
  - e. Start dates of travel, point of origin and destination, and desired route(s) to be traveled (optional).
  - f. A track width measurements application (load diagram) must be completed when:
    - 1) Vehicle or load movement in excess of 250,000 lbs. GVW.
    - 2) The exterior track width on an axle(s) with 2 tires is less than six feet
    - 3) The exterior track width on an axle(s) with 4 tires is less than 8 feet.
    - 4) Use a non-standard trailer (trunnion, side by side dollies, dual-lane, double trailer, platform, etc.) to haul a load.
- 7. A track width measurements application is available at <u>www.nd.gov/ndhp</u>, click on Motor Carrier, Permit Application Forms, click on Diagram for Track Width Measurements.
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Sample of tire width from sidewall: 275 mm



#### Permit Fees

- 1. \$20 for each single trip permit (SFN 3507, Official Receipt/Permit) except for loads in excess of 150,000 pounds GVW and self-propelled special mobile equipment.
- 2. Graduated fee for each single trip permit (SFN 3507, Official Receipt/Permit) exceeding 150,000 pounds gross vehicle weight:

Gross Vehicle Weight	Permit Fee
150,001-160,000 lbs.	\$30
160,001-170,000 lbs.	\$40
170,001-180,000 lbs.	\$50
180,001-190,000 lbs.	\$60
190,001 and over	\$70

- 3. \$25 for each single trip permit for overweight self-propelled special mobile equipment (excludes w/origs).
- 4. \$100 for each single trip (SFN 3507 Receipt/Permit) for workover rigs
  - a. \$990 for an annual weight increase on a workover service rig that exceeds 670 pounds per inch of tire width on a single or tandem axle; exceeds 60,000 lbs. On a triple axle, or 68,000 lbs. on a quad axle (this is in addition to the single trip permit fee).
- 5. \$150 for each annual over-width Permit (SFN 3507 Official receipt/permit), authorizing movements up to 14 feet 6 inches in width.
- 6. \$150 for each annual over-length Permit (SFN 3507 Official receipt/permit), authorizing movements up to 120 feet in length.
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- 7. \$20 for each annual over width permit up to 14'6" in width for the movement of a noncommercial fish house trailer (SFN 3507 Official receipt/permit.)
- 8. \$.05 per ton per mile is assessed upon the portion of GVW exceeding 200,000 pounds
- 9. Ton mile fees when axle/gross vehicle weight exceed posted weight limits or during spring thaw (Policy 9-17)
- 10. 129,000 Primary Network Permit is \$20 for a single trip, \$100 for a 30 days, \$700 for 365 days.
- 11. \$10 service/routing fee for each single trip permit (excludes trip and fuel.)
- 12. Escort services provided by the NDHP are \$50 per hour per Trooper and \$.50 per mile per Trooper.
- 13. Official or publicly owned vehicles shall not be required to pay charges for permits. (No fee for a commercial hauler engaged in charity hauling.)



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#### B. ANNUAL OVER-WIDTH PERMIT

An annual over-width permit will be issued in lieu of a single trip permits for vehicle and load movements that are over-width only. All other dimensions and weights must be legal. The permit authorizes over-width movements up to 14 feet 6 inches. The fee for an annual over-width permit is \$150.00. When the load is for the movement of a noncommercial fish house trailer, the fee is \$20. The permit is valid for 365 days.

#### C. ANNUAL OVER-LENGTH PERMIT

An annual over-length permit will be issued in lieu of a single trip permits for vehicle and load movements that are over-length only. All other dimensions and weights must be legal. The permit authorizes over-length movements up to 120 feet. The fee for an annual over-width permit is \$150.00. The permit is valid 365 days.

#### D. INTERSTATE PERMIT POLICY

Permits are required for legal size divisible load vehicles exceeding the federal gross vehicle weight cap of 80,000 pounds for movement on the interstate highway system. The GVW shall not exceed 105,500 pounds. All weights are restricted by the North Dakota Weight Limitations Chart and the North Dakota Axle Weight Limitations Chart.

The interstate permit (legible electronic or paper copy) must be in possession prior to travel on the interstate system in North Dakota. Single trip and annual interstate permits can be purchased online at <u>www.nd.gov/ndhp/</u><u>motor-carrier/e-permits</u>, obtained from the ND Highway Patrol permit section, highway patrol officers and motor carrier inspectors. The fee for a single trip permit is \$10 plus a \$10 service/routing. The single trip permit is valid for a one-way movement made within a 3-day period or multiple trips made in a 24-hour period. An annual interstate permit is \$300 and is valid for 365 days. Information required for an interstate permit can be obtained by visiting the NDHP website or contacting the NDHP Permit Office at 701- 328-2621.

#### E. SEASONAL PERMIT POLICY

Seasonal permits will be issued in lieu of single trip permits for commercial movement of over width haystacks, hay bales, forage harvesters, grain cleaners, hay grinders, fertilizer spreaders and chemical applicators transported by another vehicle, and for commercial movement of over width and overweight self-propelled fertilizer spreaders and self-propelled agricultural chemical applicators. The seasonal permits are regulated under authority of section 39-12-04 and 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The permits can be purchased online at <u>www.nd.gov/ndhp/motor-carrier/e-permits</u> or obtained from the NDHPI Permit Office, highway patrol troopers or motor carrier inspectors. The following information is needed to obtain a permit:

- 1. Company or individual's name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, e-mail address.
- 2. Description of power unit: type, unit number, year, make, license number and state (when applicable), and serial number (VIN minimum 8 digits), ND registered gross vehicle weight (when applicable).
- 3. Overall dimensions of vehicle or vehicle combination (width, height, length, whichever is applicable)
- 4. Total number of axles for the power unit and towed unit (when applicable)
- 5. Number of tires per axle, tire width, and axle spacing.
- 6. Insurance information, insurance company name, policy number, amounts of coverage, and expiration date.
- 7. The permit fee is \$50 for 365 days.

#### F. 129,000 PRIMARY NETWORK POLICY

The 129,000 Primary Network Permit allows a vehicle combination hauling a divisible load to exceed 105,500 pounds up to 129,000 pound GVW. All axle weights must be legal. No single trailer may exceed 53'. Cargo carrying length may not exceed 100'.

The most current 129,000 route map is available at: <u>https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/maintenance/docs/9-28annex\_a.pdf</u>

The permit is sold for a single trip or multiple trips. The price of the single trip permit is \$20 with a \$10 routing fee, 30 day is \$100 and \$700 for 365 days.

The vehicle must comply with the following criteria:

- 1. Vehicle must have sufficient number of axles and bridge length using the inner and outer bridge formula.
- 2. Tires and axle weights must be legal.
- 3. Gross weight may not exceed 129,000 pounds.
- 4. Out-of-state vehicles not licensed in North Dakota or not registered for 105,500 lbs. GVW under IRP are subject to the \$20 72-hour trip permit.
- 5. North Dakota registered vehicles must be licensed for 105,5000 pounds GVW.

To request additional highways be added to the 129,000 Primary Network, visit: <u>https://www.dot.nd.gov/</u> <u>divisions/maintenance/large-truck-network.htm</u>

## IV - HIGHWAY USER INFORMATION

#### A. SPEED LIMIT LAWS

There are no differential speed limits in North Dakota, the posted limits are the limits for all vehicles. All vehicles must also follow North Dakota Century Code sections 39-09-01 (Basic Rule - Penalty for Violation) and 39 -09-01.1 (Care Required in Operating a Vehicle).

Speed limits throughout the state of North Dakota are:

Gravel, dirt, or loose surface highways	55 mph
Paved 2 lane highways, not otherwise posted	55 mph
Paved 2 lane highways when posted	65 mph
Paved and divided multi-lane highways	70 mph
Interstate highways, not otherwise posted	75 mph
Construction zones	as posted
All roads within urban areas	as posted

There is no minimum speed limit on any highway in the state of North Dakota.

#### **B. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Hazardous material transportation must comply with the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations. North Dakota does not require a state permit for hazardous material transportation. Transporters of hazardous waste must have a permit from the ND Health Department, 701-328-5150.

#### C. CELL PHONE RESTRICTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) drivers are restricted from holding a mobile telephone to conduct voice communication and dialing a mobile telephone by pressing more than a single button. Hands-free use is allowed via either a headset, in vehicle audio, or speakerphone function. CMV drivers are restricted from texting while driving. Texting while driving includes emailing, instant messaging or accessing an internet page. In addition to Federal Regulation, North Dakota law prohibits texting while driving for all drivers except in emergency situations.

These restrictions apply to drivers of all CMVs in **inter**state commerce (operating across state lines), drivers of CMVs over 26,000 pounds in **intra**state commerce (operating within ND), and all drivers of CMVs transporting a quantity of hazardous material that requires placarding.

#### D. KNOW THE "NO ZONES" OF YOUR VEHICLE

Many crashes between large trucks and cars take place in the No Zone. Be vigilant in noticing vehicles entering the No Zone. The No Zone represents the danger areas, or blind spots, around trucks and buses where crashes are more likely to occur. Other drivers may not be aware of the size of your truck's blind spots.

**Passing:** When vehicles cut in too soon after passing, then abruptly slow down, you may be forced to compensate with little time or room to spare. Always look for escape routes as you drive, if you need to swerve to miss a slowing vehicle that has just passed you.

**Backing Up:** When backing up, try to use a spotter whenever possible. Sometimes vehicles will try to pass close behind you when you are performing this maneuver. A spotter can control your movement as well as serve as a beacon to the other driver.

**Rear Blind Spots:** Trucks have a deep blind spot behind them. Watch for vehicles that are travelling too close and try to let them pass if it is possible and safe.

**Side Blind Spots:** Watch for vehicles moving into your side blind spots and make sure to take a second look before changing lanes to avoid a collision.

Wide Turns: Signal your turn as early as possible so other vehicles know your intentions and allow you to complete your turn safely.

#### E. REMEMBER TO:

Take Care of Yourself: The most important part of a moving truck or bus is the driver! Get plenty of rest before getting behind the wheel. Eat well and stay fit. Remember, hours of service violations are serious and can threaten your livelihood or even your life. Stay healthy and well rested, or don't drive.

Always Maintain Your Vehicle: Inspect your vehicle before each trip and check your brakes regularly. Learn how to inspect your brakes, identify safety defects, and get them repaired before risking your life and others on the highway.

**Slow Down in Work Zones:** Watch out for highway construction. Stay alert. Work zone crashes are more likely to happen during the day. Almost one-third of fatal crashes in work zones involve large trucks. Take your time going through work zones and give yourself plenty of room. Expect the unexpected!

Always Keep Your Distance: Always leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you. If you hit someone from behind, you are typically considered in violation, regardless of the situation. Large trucks require more stopping distances than other vehicles. Take advantage of your driving height and anticipate braking situations.

**Fasten Your Seat Belt:** Buckle up for safety and control. If you are in a crash, a seat belt can save your life and the lives of those around you. It will keep you in your seat and allow you to maintain control of your truck or bus. A major cause of truck and bus driver fatalities involves being ejected from the vehicle. Wearing seat belts is still the single most effective thing all drivers can do to save lives and reduce injuries on roadways.

**Always Drive Defensively:** Avoid aggressive drivers! It's estimated that each year two-thirds of all traffic fatalities are caused by aggressive driving behaviors. Keep your distance and maintain a safe speed. The only thing speed will increase is your chance for a crash.

**Work to Help Yourselves:** Be the professional on the highway! Help stranded motorists; notify the ND Highway Patrol of crashes, unsafe drivers, unsafe roadway conditions, and other situations that can lead to crashes. Your performance on the highway can portray a positive image for your industry!

**Tell Us What is Wrong:** If you know of unsafe situations, tell us about it. This includes unsafe companies, unsafe drivers, unsafe roadways, and unsafe vehicles. Call us to help make the roads safer!

#### F. STUDDED TIRE/CHAIN LAWS

Studded tires are permitted in North Dakota from October 15 to April 15. There is no mandatory chain law in North Dakota.



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