

**WAC 468-38-290 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS:**

A farm implement includes any device that directly affects the production of agricultural products, including fertilizer and chemical applicator apparatus (complete with auxiliary equipment).

Self-propelled farm implements, including a farm tractor pulling no more than two implements, or implements carried on another vehicle that exceed fourteen feet in height or sixteen feet in width, but less than twenty feet in width, are required to obtain a special permit for movement of farm implements on state highways.

Safety precautions must be taken when moving extra-legal farm implement:

\**Oversize load signs:* Required when exceeding ten feet wide

\**Red flags:* Required when exceeding ten feet wide

\**Warning lights and slow moving emblem:* 25 mph or less

\**Pilot/escort vehicles:* On two lane highway, two pilot cars are required when exceeding 12ft 6in wide.

On multiple lane highways one pilot car required when exceeding 14ft wide, one pilot car (with height measuring device)

**RCW 46.61.655 Load securement:**

(1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any public highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction

(2) No person may operate on any public highway any vehicle with any load unless the load and such covering as required thereon by subsection (3) of this section is securely fastened to prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF ONES ACTIONS ON THE ROAD!!**

**EVERY COMPANY ON THE ROAD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY AND IS CIVILLY LIABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND THAT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES!!**

**INFRACTIONS:**

<b>46.61.400 Speeding</b>	<b>\$125+</b>
<b>46.61.427 Minimum speed regulation</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.61.145 Following too close</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.61.688 Failing to wear seatbelt</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.61.655.3 Load securement</b>	<b>\$228</b>
<b>46.44 Weight violations</b>	<b>\$100-\$1000+</b>
<b>46.61.100 Left lane violation</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.61.050 Failing to stop at intersection</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.37 Defective equipment</b>	<b>\$136</b>
<b>46.61.655.1 Leaking (Agricultural liquids)</b>	<b>\$136</b>

**“Some violations will place driver and/or vehicle out of service.”**



FARMERS AND AGRI-BUSINESSES.

TRANSPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ON PUBLIC ROADS, SAFELY.

RCW 46.61

RULES OF THE ROAD.

EVERY WASHINGTON MOTORIST MUST OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS IN EFFECT.

**SERVICE WITH HUMILITY**



**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DIVISION SOP- If stopped by a Commercial Vehicle Officer expect the following items to be checked:**

**STEP 1 INTERVIEW DRIVER**

**STEP 2 COLLECT DRIVER'S DOCUMENTS**

**STEP 3 CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**STEP 4 IDENTIFY THE CARRIER and examine vehicle documents**

**STEP 5 EXAMINE DRIVER'S LICENSE**

**STEP 6 CHECK MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE AND SKILL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (SPE) CERTIFICATE (If applicable)**

**STEP 7 CHECK RECORD OF DUTY STATUS (If applicable)**

**STEP 8 REVIEW DRIVER'S DAILY VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT (If applicable)**

**STEP 9 REVIEW PERIODIC INSPECTION REPORT (If applicable)**

**STEP 10 PREPARE DRIVER FOR VEHICLE INSPECTION**

**STEP 11 INSPECT VEHICLE –TO INCLUDE:**

- Inspect front of tractor
- Inspect left front side of tractor
- Inspect left saddle tank area
- Inspect trailer front
- Inspect left rear tractor
- Inspect left side of trailer
- Inspect left rear trailer wheels
- Inspect rear of trailer
- Inspect double, triple and full trailers
- Inspect right rear trailer wheels
- Inspect right side of trailer
- Inspect right rear tractor
- Inspect right saddle tank area

- Inspect right front side of tractor
- Inspect steering axle(s)
- Inspect axle(s) 2 and/or 3
- Inspect axle(s) 4 and/or 5
- Prepare the vehicle and check brake adjustment
- Inspect tractor protection system
- Inspect required brake system devices
- Test air loss rate
- Check steering wheel lash
- Check fifth wheel movement
- Complete the inspection

**RCW 46.44.010 OVER LEGAL WIDTH:**

The total outside width of any vehicle or load thereon must not exceed eight and one-half feet .

**RCW 46.44.020 OVER LEGAL HEIGHT:**

It is unlawful for any vehicle unladen or with load to exceed a height of fourteen feet above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands.

**RCW 46.44.030 OVER LEGAL LENGTH:**

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any single vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of forty feet or a semi-trailer in excess of fifty three feet or double trailers in excess of sixty one feet with or without load.

**RCW 46.44.041 Weight:** No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall operate upon the public highways of this state with a gross load on any single axle in excess of twenty thousand pounds, or upon any group of axles in excess of that set forth in state weight table.

**RCW 46.44.042 Weight:**

It is unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways with a gross weight, including load, upon any tire concentrated upon the surface of the highway in excess of six hundred pounds per inch width of such tire. An axle carrying more than ten thousand pounds gross weight must have four or more tires. Instead of four tires or more tires per axle requirements of this section, an axle may be equipped with two tires limited to five hundred pounds per inch width of tire.

The following equipment may operate at six hundred pounds per inch width of tire: (1) A nonliftable steering axle or axles on the power unit. (2) A straddle trailer used exclusively for the transport of fruit bins between field, storage, and processing.

**RCW 46.44.090 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT MOVEMENTS:**

The department of transportation, pursuant to its rules with respect to public highways under their jurisdiction, may, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing, or electronically, authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size, weight of vehicle, or load exceeding the maximum set forth in RCW 46.44.010, 46.44.020, 46.44.030, 46.44.034, 46.44.041.

**WAC 468-38-071:**

An over-length permit may be issued to a truck-tractor to pull a single trailer or semi-trailer, with a trailer length not to exceed fifty-six feet.

An over-length permit may be issued to a truck-tractor to pull a set of double trailers, composed of a semi-trailer and full trailer or second semi-trailer, with a combined trailer length not to exceed sixty-eight feet.