

PRODUCER TOOLS

TOOLBOX TALKS

WORK ACTIVITY



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■ With larger farm equipment comes larger transportation challenges. Equipment wider than highway lanes poses a hazard to not only the equipment operator, but also to other motor vehicle operators. Equipment that is taller than normal can come into contact with low-hanging wires, bridges and other vital pieces of infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

■ Collisions with other vehicles is a major concern while transporting all farm equipment on public roadways, but the danger is compounded when the load is wider and taller than normal. Not only are collisions with other motor vehicles a concern, so are collisions with infrastructure like guard rails, power and telephone wires, bridges, and rail crossing markers.

KEY POINTS

WE HAVE INTEGRATED SAFETY STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES FOR TRANSPORTING OVERSIZED LOADS ON OUR FARM. If you don't remember them, review them—you can find them:

BEFORE LEAVING THE YARD

A pre-operational check of the equipment you will be transporting is required. You need to ensure that all lights are working and that any warning signs are in good condition and affixed. This is essential to the operation.

DECIDE IF YOU NEED A PILOT VEHICLE

If a load is oversized, you may need a pilot vehicle. This needs to be coordinated and in place when going a further distance or on a public roadway

that experiences high traffic. If travelling on a route with hills, blind curves or other road features that restrict sight lines, a pilot vehicle is mandatory.

The laws in our area say:

about requiring a pilot vehicle.

(NOTE: Research and fill in the blank about the laws in your jurisdiction.)

TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the workers.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible. Ask your workers for their experiences.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

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PLAN YOUR ROUTE

Before heading out, make sure to plan the route carefully. Take a drive and see what infrastructure is on your route. Make note of the heights and widths of low wires, bridges, signs and other potential obstacles. If the load you are transporting is going to come into contact with any infrastructure, plan another route.

WHILE TRANSPORTING

PAY ATTENTION! While driving on public roadways, make sure to watch for other motor vehicles. They may be uncertain how to behave when approaching or trying to pass you.

CAUTION ON OVERHEAD POWER LINES

If you are moving oversized equipment that has the potential of contacting overhead power lines, contact the electrical utility provider before the move. They will advise with how to proceed. If you pull the line down, you will incur the responsibility for having it fixed.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OTHER CONCERNS SPECIFIC TO OUR FARM WHILE TRANSPORTING OVERSIZED LOADS?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / CONTACTS

In case of incident or injury, call 911 or your local emergency services, then me or your supervisor.

CAUTION

When trying to determine if another motor vehicle is following behind you, don't suddenly swerve right to move your load out of your sight line. This could indicate to a motor vehicle operator behind you that it is safe to pass and could result in a collision. Instead, if you need to know, pull over to the right as far as possible, park and get up from the operator's seat and carefully look around your load.

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Operation Name _____
Location _____
Meeting Leader _____
Date _____

TOOLBOX TALK PARTICIPANTS

Print name _____
Signature _____
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This Producer Tool was developed by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). Conducting regular Toolbox Talks, or safety meetings, with farm workers is one component of establishing a comprehensive farm safety plan as outlined in the Canada FarmSafe Plan, CASA's business-risk management tool for health and safety on the farm. To download the core Canada FarmSafe Plan, visit casa-acsa.ca/CanadaFarmSafePlan, or contact CASA to learn more at 1-877-452-2272.