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Increased fines and penalties proposed for over-weight commercial vehicles

The most common violation Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers encounter on a regular basis is over-weight vehicles.

Over-weight vehicles reduce the useful life of our roads, resulting in additional cost for maintenance and rehabilitation earlier than necessary.

The Province of New Brunswick is proposing increased fines and penalties for commercial vehicles that are over their registered (allowable) gross vehicle mass (GVM), and those that exceed their allowable axle mass. Fine amounts could also double for further penalties, on an escalating scale, based on how much a vehicle is over its allowable mass limit.

As part of implementing these measures, the government will consult with industry before the higher fines become effective, to help identify other options and incentives that could improve compliance in the trucking industry. For further information visit: <http://www.gnb.ca/cnb/news/ps/2009e0701ps.htm>

Have a question?

Send us an e-mail using our special e-mail address for truckers!
Special.Permits@gnb.ca



Be aware, be more cautious, slow down

Construction season is here. Transportation Minister Denis Landry urges motorists to reduce their speeds in construction zones, be patient and adjust their travel times. Road construction crews are working in all corners of the province to make our highways safer for all of us.



SLOW PLEASE
My Mom's at Work.

About one quarter of New Brunswickers admit to speeding through highway construction zones. Highway workers are worried about the speed of the cars and trucks driving by them. Each and every summer day, in approximately 150 locations province-wide, road construction crews are working to make our highways safer for you.

Please help make it safer for them. Here's how:

- Don't Speed!** Note the posted speed limits in and around the construction zone.
- Stay Alert!** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- Pay Close Attention!** Signs and construction zone flaggers are there for your safety.
- Expect the Unexpected!** Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
- Be Patient!** Remember that construction crews are working to make the highway safer for you.
- Minimize Distractions!** Avoid changing radio stations or using a cellular phone while driving in the work zones.

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For more information on work zone safety, and up-to-date Traffic Advisories / Road Construction Report visit:

<http://www.gnb.ca/0113/WorkZoneSafety/WZsafety-e.asp>

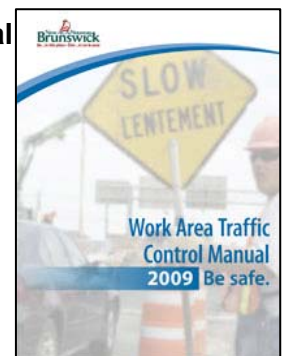
Be responsible, be cautious, be safe.

New work area traffic control manual

The 2009 Work Area Traffic Control Manual (WATCM) provides a uniform set of traffic control guidelines for all work carried out on New Brunswick provincial roads. Any work that occurs within the right-of-way of a provincial road must conform to the guidelines prescribed by this manual.

The electronic version of the manual is available at:

<http://www.gnb.ca/0113/publications/watcm-e.asp>





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Did you know?

Route 1 Gateway Project

The Government of New Brunswick, in partnership with the Federal government, is following through on its Charter for Change commitment to complete Route 1 as a four-lane highway between St. Stephen and River Glade. <http://www.gnb.ca/0113/route1/index-e.asp>

Work begins on new bridge on Route 108

The structure will replace Salmon River Bridge No. 3. The new bridge will be built immediately upstream from the existing crossing, and is scheduled to be open to traffic in August 2010. The existing bridge will remain in service until then. Read more at: <http://www.gnb.ca/cnb/news/tran/2009e0705tr.htm>

Princess Margaret Bridge Closure

Phase one of the rehabilitation project continues. The next set of overnight closures will be from Aug 4 to Aug. 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. The bridge will be closed fully during weekends (Friday night to Monday morning). The department will provide further updates. For weight restrictions on the Princess Margaret Bridge visit: <http://www.gn.ca/0113/trucking/PMBridge-e.asp>

The 2009 World Acadian Congress to be held in northeast New Brunswick

The Acadian Peninsula is proudly hosting the 4th Congress from Aug 7-23. The World Acadian Congress takes place every 5 years and is a huge gathering of Acadians from all over the world. Visitors will enjoy the magnificent maritime scenery that is particular to this part of New-Brunswick. For more details visit: <http://www.cma2009.ca/?page=content&id=7>

We want to hear from you!

What would you like to see on the Department of Transportation web site, trucking pages? <http://www.gnb.ca/0113/trucking/index-e.asp>

Please email us at: Special.Permits@gnb.ca

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (PARE)

New Brunswick
PARTNERSHIP
Nova Scotia

<http://www.gnb.ca/cnb/news/bnb/2009e0215pr.htm>

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have signed a Partnership Agreement on Regulation and the Economy (PARE). One of the action items under the agreement is to provide an online special move permit system for over dimensional trucks that is consistent in both provinces.

As an initial step, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have agreed to provide direct links to special permit services currently being offered by each province.

The following links are now available on the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia trucking services web pages under related links:

New Brunswick Special Move Permits - apply and pay for permits online:

https://www.pwx1.snb.ca/snb7001/e/2000/2006e_1.asp

Nova Scotia Special Move Permit online application:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/smp/>

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Scan the sides. Be a safe driver

Be Alert. Be Cautious

<http://www.gnb.ca/0113/moose/think-moose-e.asp>