

Escort Requirements



(8) Civilian Escorts and Flaggers. It is the responsibility of the permittee to see that escorts which accompany their moves adhere to these regulations in addition to the regulations specifying when escorts and flaggers are required, as listed in sections (9), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16).

(A) An “escort” is defined as a vehicle with operator which accompanies oversized moves to serve as a warning to other traffic that extra caution is required. Operators of escort vehicles shall be properly licensed, obey all traffic laws, and be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(B) The escort vehicle must be a properly licensed single unit vehicle of standard size with unobstructed vision to the front and rear and in safe operating condition. The unit may be an automobile, pickup truck, utility vehicle, station wagon, or equivalent.

(C) It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure the escort’s minimum financial responsibility as required by law is in force at all times.

(D) Oversize load signs shall be displayed on the front and/or rear of the escort vehicle, whichever is applicable for the move. A sign mounted on the top of the vehicle with printing on both sides is acceptable. Signs are to be a minimum size of five feet (5’) long by one foot (1’) high with minimum ten inch (10”) high letters. The sign’s background shall be yellow with black lettering and visible for at least three hundred feet (300’). The legend shall read “OVERSIZE LOAD” or “WIDE LOAD.”

(E) Escort vehicles are to be equipped with at least two (2) red or orange fluorescent warning flags mounted on a staff at the two (2) front extremities of the vehicle for a front escort and at the rear extremities for a rear escort. The escort vehicle for overheight loads (see paragraph (9) (G)3.) shall have a vertical clearance detection device and have continuous, uninterrupted, two- (2-) way communication with the power unit. Flags used for flagging and on permit vehicles shall be clean, red, yellow, or orange fluorescent, in good condition, with no advertising or wording, and be at least eighteen inches (18”) square.

(F) Flaggers are required as outlined in subsection (9)(l). Flaggers shall have proper training in directing traffic.

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NOTE	<p>Escort requirements are cumulative and apply to each load in transport. Except as required for loads of unusual complexity, no more than two front escorts and two rear escorts are required for the movement of any one load. In addition to these escorts, law enforcement escorts may also be required as needed.</p>
LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loads exceeding 110' but not exceeding 125' require a rear escort on all highways except divided highways. • Loads exceeding 125' but not exceeding 150' require a rear escort on all highways. • Loads exceeding 150' require a rear escort and a law enforcement escort on all highways. An additional front escort is required on two-lane highways.
WIDTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIGHTTIME TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: Over width loads not exceeding 12'6" that are legal height and not exceeding 110' in length may be transported at night. Over width loads of may not exceeding 14' that are legal height, legal length and legal weight may also be transported at night. • Loads exceeding 12'6" but not exceeding 14' require a front escort on two-lane highways. A rear escort is required on divided and undivided highways. • Loads exceeding 14' but not exceeding 16' require a front and rear escort on two-lane and undivided highways. A rear escort is required on divided highways. • Loads exceeding 16' but not exceeding 18' require a front and rear escort on all highways. An additional front escort and a law enforcement escort is required on two-lane highways. • Loads exceeding 18' require a front and rear escort and a law enforcement escort on all highways. An additional front escort is required on two-lane highways.
HEIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loads exceeding 15'6" require a front height detection escort vehicle on all highways. • Loads exceeding 16' require a front height detection escort vehicle on all highways and an additional front escort on two-lane highways. • Loads exceeding 17' require a front height detection vehicle and a law enforcement escort on all highways. An additional front escort is required on two-lane highways.
WEIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loads exceeding 160,000lbs but not exceeding 220,000lbs that are subject to other dimensional escort provisions require a front escort on two-lane highways. • Loads exceeding 220,000lbs but not exceeding 350,000lbs require a front escort on two-lane highways. • Loads exceeding 350,000lbs require a front and rear escort on all highways and an additional front escort on two-lane highways. • BRIDGE CRAWL: Loads exceeding 160,000lbs require a front and two rear escorts when bridge crawling in Kansas City and St. Louis.
HOUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All house moves (see Revised States of Missouri 324.700-324.745) require a front and rear escort on two-lane and undivided highways. A rear escort is required on divided highways. An additional law enforcement escort is required for all highways. Refer to table to determine other escort applicability.