

2004 State Towing Laws

Road Rules for All 50 States

Towing laws across the United States vary from state to state. Most were designed around rules that pertain to big-rig commercial trucking. Therefore, it is difficult to transfer some of the rules to recreational towing. It is always best to contact your state's motor vehicle department for any special regulations that pertain to recreational towing, and know the laws for any state you may travel through.

Even though the chart shows the maximum towing speeds, in most cases, these speeds apply to interstate highways. Some states have lower limits for rural roads. Always obey the posted speed limits.



STATE	MAX. TOWING SPEED (mph)	MAX. TRAILER LENGTH (feet)	MAX. TRAILER WIDTH (feet)	MAX. TRAILER HEIGHT (feet)	MAX. OVERALL LENGTH (feet)	WEIGHT REQUIRING TRAILER BRAKES
Alabama	70	40'	8'	13½'	57'	3000
Alaska	55	40'	8½'	14'	75'	5000
Arizona	55	40'	8'	13½'	65'	3000
Arkansas	65	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	(N/A)	3000
California	55	40'	8½'	14'	65'	1500
Colorado	65	45'	8½'	13'	70'	3000
Connecticut	65	45'	8½'	13½'	75'	3000
Delaware	55	40'	8½'	13½'	70'	4000
Dist. of Columbia	55	40'	8'	13'	55'	3000
Florida	65	48'	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Georgia	55	(N/A)	8'	13½'	55'	3000
Hawaii	55	40'	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Idaho	65	48'	8½'	14'	75'	1500
Illinois	55	60'	8'	13½'	60'	3000
Indiana	55	40'	8½'	13½'	60'	3000
Iowa	65	48'	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Kansas	55	45'	8½'	14'	(N/A)	(N/A)
Kentucky	65	(N/A)	8'	13½'	65'	(N/A)
Louisiana	70	30'	8'	13½'	70'	3000
Maine	55	45'	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Maryland	65	(N/A)	8'	13½'	55'	3000

Massachusetts	65	33'	8½'	13½'	75'	(N/A)
Michigan	55	53'	8'	13½'	65'	3000
Minnesota	70	48'	8½'	13½'	60'	3000
Mississippi	55	50'	8½'	13½'	75'	2000
Missouri	70	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	60'	(N/A)
Montana	65	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Nebraska	65	40'	8½'	14½'	65'	3000
Nevada	65	(N/A)	8½'	14'	70'	3000
New Hampshire	55	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	48'	(N/A)
New Jersey	65	40'	8½'	13½'	62'	(N/A)
New Mexico	75	40'	8½'	14'	65'	3000
New York	65	45'	8½'	13½'	60'	3000
North Carolina	55	48'	8½'	13½'	60'	4000
North Dakota	70	60'	8½'	14'	75'	(N/A)
Ohio	55	40'	8½'	13½'	65'	2000
Oklahoma	65	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Oregon	55	40'	8½'	14'	50'	(N/A)
Pennsylvania	55	53'	8½'	13½'	60'	3000
Rhode Island	65	48½'	8½'	13½'	60'	4000
South Carolina	55	53'	8½'	13½'	(N/A)	3000
South Dakota	65	53'	8½'	14'	80'	3000
Tennessee	70	48'	8'	13½'	65'	3000
Texas	70	(N/A)	8½'	14'	65'	4500
Utah	65	48'	8½'	14'	65'	(N/A)
Vermont	65	48'	8½'	13½'	72'	3000
Virginia	55	(N/A)	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Washington	60	48'	8½'	14'	75'	3000
West Virginia	65	48'	8'	13½'	55'	3000
Wisconsin	65	48'	8½'	13½'	65'	3000
Wyoming	65	60'	8½'	14'	85'	(N/A)

Source: Digest of Motor Laws, AAA