



Important Notice for Oversize/Overweight Permit Customers

Purpose: Overhead obstruction awareness

General Information: Utility lines, traffic signals and overhead sign boards on the state highway system are hung at heights that normally are not an obstacle except for vehicles that are overheight. Motor carriers may hit these overhead obstructions, causing damage to their vehicle and load, and destruction of the lines, signs and poles holding them. The permit holder may be held liable for the cost if utility crews or other entities must repair damage.

Permit holders are responsible for ensuring that their vehicle and load can clear all overhead obstructions along their permitted route. Vehicles and loads in excess of 17 feet high must have a front escort with a height pole as an added precaution. In addition, special conditions are often listed on permits requiring the permit holder to contact particular entities prior to movement through certain areas.

When utility lines, traffic signals or overhead sign boards are damaged repeatedly in a particular area, restrictions may be added to that area prohibiting travel for overheight loads. By exercising precaution and acting responsibly, damage to overhead obstructions and travel restrictions can be prevented.

Action Required: When overhead signs, lights, or lines must be moved for an oversize load to pass through an area, the permittee is responsible for arranging clearance for the load. The permittee must contact, in advance, all utility companies or other entities to assist in clearing the overhead obstruction(s).

Utility Lines:

For a list of utility companies and their contact information, visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas website:

<http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/directories/>

Traffic Signals and Overhead Sign Boards:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) should be contacted for assistance with moving traffic signals and overhead sign boards.

For TxDOT contact information, visit the TxDMV website at the following link and select the appropriate district. The contact information for that TxDOT District Office will be listed at the top of the page. <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorcarriers/permit-restrictions>

Additional TxDOT contact information may be found at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district.html>.

Contact Information: Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Motor Carrier Division – Oversize/Overweight Permits Section
Phone: 1-800-299-1700, option 1

Visit the Motor Carrier portal for all your TxDMV needs at <http://www.TxDMV.gov/motor-carriers>.