



MICHIGAN TOWING LAWS

The below information was gathered using the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and Michigan Compiled Laws. Hopefully, this information will help you make informed decisions when towing or hauling your vehicles.

SILVER LAKE STATE PARK SAND DUNES AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AREA

Can I use a tow strap or chain to tow my vehicle to the dunes?

No, the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code states that a vehicle or trailer towed or drawn by a vehicle shall be attached to the vehicle with forms of coupling devices in a manner so that when the combination is operated in a linear alignment the movement of the towed or drawn vehicle or trailer does not deviate more than 3 inches to either side of the path of the towing vehicle that tows or draws it. The vehicle or trailer shall also be connected to the towing vehicle by suitable safety chains or devices. MCL 257.721(3)

Can I tow more than one vehicle to the dunes?

No, the Vehicle Code states a passenger vehicle or a pickup truck shall not be driven upon a highway drawing or having attached to the passenger vehicle or pickup truck more than 1 vehicle or trailer. The only time that more than one vehicle can be towed is when one of the vehicles is equipped with a fifth wheel assembly and one of the towed vehicles is designed for recreational living purposes providing the total length does not exceed 65 feet. MCL 257.721(5).

What kind of lights do I need when towing a vehicle or trailer?

On every trailer, pickup camper, or semi trailer weighing 3,000 pounds gross or less, on the rear, 2 reflectors, 1 on each side if any trailer or semi trailer is so loaded or is of such dimensions as to obscure the stop light on the towing vehicle, then such vehicle shall also be equipped with 1 stop light. MCL 257.688(1)(f))

Do I need a driver's license when towing a vehicle?

Yes, a person shall not drive a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless that person has a valid operator's or chauffeur's **license** with the appropriate group designation and endorsements for the type or class of vehicle being driven or towed. MCL 257.301(1)

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