



Emergency Move Guidance for Transporters of Oversize or Overweight Vehicles and Loads

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Purpose

This document describes the basic process for transport companies to follow for emergency moves of oversize or overweight vehicles and loads. Additional resources available at [Michigan.gov/Truckers](https://www.michigan.gov/Truckers).

Emergency Situation Occurs

Situation that could negatively affect life safety, highway operations, governmental or private property, and/or the environment, such as:

- Power outage
- Highway closure
- Train derailment
- Bridge hit
- Severe weather

Steps

1. Verify necessary oversize/overweight equipment emergency needs and conditions
2. Verify vehicle and load compliance as detailed at [MDOT's Truckers webpage](https://www.michigan.gov/Truckers).
 - Moving Oversize or Overweight Vehicles and Loads
3. Plan and verify acceptable route using available electronic and/or manual resources, such as:
 - a. [MDOT's Truckers webpage](https://www.michigan.gov/Truckers)
 - MiTRIP (Michigan Transport Routing and Internet Permitting)
 - Permit Services Companies
 - Transport Escort Companies
 - MDOT Construction Restrictions
 - b. MDOT's Mi Drive website ([Michigan.gov/Drive](https://www.michigan.gov/Drive))
 - c. MDOT Transport Permits Unit (517-241-8999) during business hours.
4. If move must occur outside of daylight hours, notify Michigan State Police (MSP) Operations Desk 517-241-8000 of planned route.
5. Move equipment. If conditions are met, use transport escort vehicle(s).

6. Determine transport permit requirements

- a. Transport company HOLDS a current extended transport permit: No specific permit needed.

Or

- b. Transport company DOES NOT HOLD a current extended transport permit: Submit application for permitted move with 5 business days after move via MDOT Permit Gateway (MPG) at Michigan.gov/MDOTMPG.

7. Follow standard, non-emergency process for return trip.

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