ADVICE ON THE MOVEMENT OF ABNORMAL & INDIVISIBLE LOADS

Notification to Police

Under Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 (as amended), loads exceeding the following dimensions require two full clear days’ notice, (excluding Sundays and bank holidays).

2.9m wide.

305mm lateral projection to either side.

18.65m long (rigid length).

Rear projections exceeding 3.05m

Front projections exceeding 3.05m.

Under Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types (General) 2003, loads exceeding the following dimensions require two full clear days’ notice , (excluding Sundays and bank holidays). (Other authorities may require a longer period of notice).

3.0m wide

305mm lateral projection to either side.

18.75m long.(rigid length)

80,000 kgs.

Rear projections exceeding 3.05m

Front projections exceeding 3.05m

The maximum height for loads travelling on roads in West Yorkshire is 4.95m. Loads exceeding 5.03m should be notified to the Police, Highways & Bridges Authorities, electrical companies and telephone companies.
ESCORT CRITERIA

The escort criteria for West Yorkshire Police reflects the Association of Chief Police Officers guidelines for abnormal loads being moved on the Motorways, A1 and other roads in West Yorkshire.

MOTORWAYS AND A1

 Loads exceeding 4.6m wide and 130 tonnes will require a self-private escort.

OTHER ROADS

 Loads exceeding 4.10m wide, 5.03m high, 30.5m long and 100 tonnes, will require a self-private escort.

However, there may be occasions, due to local conditions, where the criteria may be less.

In the event that the movement of an abnormal load is unable to comply with traffic regulations, the haulier should make contact with the police to arrange for special duty staff to be available to assist in the movement of the load. This will be at the haulier’s expense.

Unless necessary, West Yorkshire Police will not acknowledge the receipt of a notification of a load that is escortable.
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Points to note

1. Movements on weekdays *SHOULD NOT* take place at peak traffic times: that is, between 06:30 x 10:00 hours or 16:00 x 18:30 hours.

2. No more than two abnormal and indivisible loads may be escorted together.

3. Any movement during the hours of darkness requires the load to be lit in accordance with Lighting Regulations.

4. It is the *HAULIER’S RESPONSIBILITY* to survey the route and complete a risk assessment prior to the movement. This is to ensure that the load can negotiate the route with safety and to arrange for the removal and re-installment of any street furniture where necessary.

5. It is the *HAULIER’S RESPONSIBILITY* to ensure that the tractor unit and trailers used to carry the load are suitable to allow the satisfactory distribution of the weight of the load to the road surface. The appropriate weights should be indicated on the S.T.G.O. plates attached to the relevant vehicles.

6. Note should also be taken of the weight and speed restrictions recommended by the manufacturers as indicated on the S.T.G.O. plates attached to the relevant vehicles.

7. In the event that the movement of an abnormal load is unable to comply with traffic regulations, the haulier should make contact with the police to arrange for special duty staff to be available to assist in the movement of the load. This will be at the haulier’s expense.

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