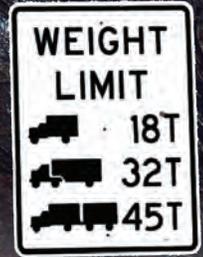




HIGHWAY BRIDGE LOAD POSTINGS



A **LOAD POSTING** on a State Highway Bridge structure serves as a warning to both you and those that use the facility that this bridge is not functionally capable of maintaining a weight greater than that which is shown on the sign.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?

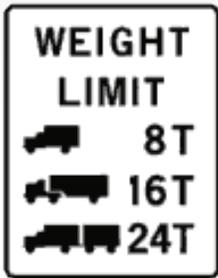
That means that several large trucks and other vehicles that travel on that State Highway may be too heavy to drive over that bridge which puts both you, and your family, in danger. There are many factors as to why bridges become Load Posted. A few of those factors include, but are not limited to: Age, Original Design Weight, Size, & Deterioration.

WEIGHT LIMIT

The Weight Limit posted on a Load Posting sign is the amount of weight, in **TONS**, that a vehicles **GROSS WEIGHT** can be to safely cross over the structure. This weight limit is calculated by our Bridge Engineers as a maximum rating to keep the structure safely open to traffic. The legal max. load is 45 tons for our state highway system & 40 tons for our interstate system.

WHAT ABOUT MY TRUCK?

Load Posting signs usually have assignments for three different types of trucks: Single Unit Trucks like School Busses, Tractor-Semitrailer Trucks like Tanker Trucks, and Double-Trailer Trucks like Fed-Ex Shipping Trucks. The weight limits for these vehicles are listed in order from smallest to greatest, from top to bottom, with their respective weight limits posted next to the symbol for your truck.



EXAMPLES OF TRUCK WEIGHTS.

Although Load Postings on Bridges are very important, it's not easy to visualize exactly what specific trucks weigh. The following are examples of trucks that use our State Highway System and what they might weigh on any given day.



FIRE TRUCK:
14-28 TONS
with a full tank of water



CONCRETE TRUCK:
25 TONS
when fully loaded



TOUR BUS:
24 TONS
when fully loaded



DUMP TRUCK:
22 TONS
when fully loaded



SCHOOL BUS:
13-15 TONS
when fully loaded



OIL TANKER TRUCK:
27 TONS
when fully loaded