

PERMIT POLICY MANUAL

SUBJECT: **Emergency Moves**

POLICY NUMBER: 3.08

Intent: To permit vehicles for use during emergency situations including during Spring Road Restrictions.

General Information:

- There are several possible situations that could be classified as emergencies:
 - Road closures due to flooding
 - Train derailments
 - Fires to buildings or property
 - Natural disasters
 - Evacuation of people or animals
 - Pipeline ruptures or spills
 - Physical threats to highways and/or bridges and structures
 - Situations deemed essential to ensure public safety
- For provincial moves, authorization is required if a carrier must transport equipment and/or material at normal loading weight limits on restricted roads during an EMERGENCY situation.
- In the case of flooding, vehicles hauling equipment and/or materials to and/or from a flood site, during the Period of Spring Road Restrictions, may be considered an essential commodity. If deemed to be an “Essential Commodity”, vehicles will be allowed to travel on Level 2 restricted highways at Level 1 loading without a permit, providing the least amount of restricted road is travelled. Non-divisible loads which may exceed Level 1 loading may be allowed to operate up to normal loading without a permit. Non-divisible loads in excess of normal loading will be required to obtain a permit.
- In the event of an EMERGENCY situation where equipment and/or material must be moved, the following steps must be completed:
 - During normal office hours, the carrier must contact Permit Services at 1-204-945-3961 or Toll Free at 1-877-812-0009 (office hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).
 - After hours approval: Contact the Manager of Permit Services via email: melanie.caldwell@gov.mb.ca or via telephone: (204) 945-8909 (leave a message).
 - In the event that the identified individuals noted above cannot be reached, qualifying moves should be completed to address the emergency. Permit Services must be contacted on the next business day to report the move, and have a permit issued retroactively.
- The Director of Permits and Development or his/her designate is responsible for using his/her discretion, and/or judgment in all situations.
- The City of Winnipeg does not have emergency contact numbers for after hours. Vehicles are allowed to proceed. Carriers are required to contact Permit Services the next business day and a permit will be issued. Permit Services must contact the Support Services Engineer to advise of the move (204-470-7202).

References: The Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Standard 3.08 Emergency

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