

REGISTRATION

Every trailer or semi-trailer with a gross weight of more than 2,000 pounds, except farm trailers, shall display registration for the current year (8-143(2)(a))

Farm trailers used to haul more than 6,000 pounds, shall display registration for the current year. (8-128(a)(7))

MIRRORS

Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on the left side of the vehicle and located to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the vehicle.

Every vehicle shall be equipped with an additional mirror mounted either inside, in the center, or outside, on the right side, and located to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear. (8-1740)

RIDING IN TRAILERS PROHIBITED

No person shall ride in or upon any trailer or semi-trailer while being operated upon the highways of this state. (8-1578a)

If the vehicle is being operated in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise, additional regulations may apply.



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TRAILERING IN KANSAS

General Requirements



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Required Lights (Chapter 8, Article 7)



All trailers and semi-trailers need:

- Two tail lights red in color and two reflectors **RED** in color
- Two brake lights **RED** or **AMBER** in color.
*If subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR), then brake lights must be **RED** in color.*
- Two turn signals **RED** or **AMBER** in color
- One tag light **WHITE** in color.

Trailers and semi-trailers 80 inches or more in width need:

- Two front clearance lights **AMBER** in color.
- Two rear clearance lights **RED** in color.
- Three rear ID lights **RED** in color.
- Two front side marker lights and reflectors, one each per side, **AMBER** in color.
- Two rear side marker lights and reflectors, one each per side, **RED** in color.
- Two intermediate side marker lights and reflectors, one each per side, **AMBER** in color for trailers and semi-trailers over 30 feet in length.

Towing more than One trailer (8-1907 and 8-1904)

No more than two trailers may be towed by any one vehicle. (Unless by permit or in a drive away/tow away operation.) Overall length of any combination shall not exceed 65 feet when towing one or more vehicles, utilizing a car, pick-up, or truck.



When towing two trailers, the first trailer must be equipped with an anti-sway mechanism. The second trailer must be equipped with service brakes acting on at least one axle.

Safety Chains (8-1907)

Every towing connection, using a ball hitch or pintle hook, shall be equipped with safety chains of adequate strength to secure the towed vehicle in case of hitch failure.



Load and Load Securement

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway, unless the vehicle is constructed or loaded to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle(s). (8-1906)

No load shall be wider than 8 1/2 feet unless allowed by permit. (8-1902)

If a load extends four feet or more beyond the rear of the vehicle, it shall be marked on the end by a **RED** flag at least 12" x 12". (8-1715)



If the vehicle, with the extended load, is operated at night, then it must also be equipped, at the end of the load, with two **RED** lights and reflectors. (8-1703 & 8-1715))