



10,001-15,000 pounds over the limit, the fine is \$840, plus 16 cents per pound. For violations of 15,001-20,000 pounds over the limit, the fine is \$1640, plus 20 cents per pound. For violations over 20,001 pounds over the limit, the fine is \$2640, plus 30 cents per pound.

For two violations occurring in any 12-month period, the license registration of the vehicle may be suspended for up to thirty days. For a third violation in a twelve month period, the license is suspended for no less than thirty days. In addition, a vehicle suspected of being overweight is allowed to be stopped at any time by an officer of the law for weighing purposes. Any officer of law finding an offending vehicle has authority to confiscate the permit of that vehicle, and that to the department of transportation, which has the choice of revoking the permit for any single violation.

Another severe ability to punish that the state of Washington chooses to pursue is the ability of the department of transportation to hold the owner or operator of an overweight vehicle for any damage incurred to the state highways, bridges, etc. The state can bring a civil suit against the owner/operator of the vehicle for any damages that they determine the roadways have suffered. The owner and operator are jointly liable for those damages. With regard to farm equipment, Washington penalizes violations only as traffic violations, punishable only by the \$50, \$75, and \$100 fines listed previously. A listing of the state weight regulations are listed in the state code.

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