

PUBLIC NOTICES

CRAWFORD COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM

SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The Crawford County Highway Department in the near future will be imposing Seasonal Weight Restrictions, pursuant to Section 349.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes, on various State and County Trunk Highways. Highway crews will begin placing signs and the restriction will be effective once the signs are in place. Signs will be placed at strategic intersections advising the public of the specific weight restrictions that are in effect on the particular highway. The restrictions will become effective once the signs are in place.

The only State Trunk Highway affected is **STH 131** from STH 179 at Steuben to STH 60 at Wauzeka.

All County Trunk Highways will be posted with a Seasonal Weight Restriction.

Local Towns and Villages will also impose seasonal weight restrictions on local roads and streets during the period of the spring thaw.

There are **No Exceptions** to any trucks exceeding the imposed Seasonal Weight Restrictions. Under Wisconsin State Statute haulers will be responsible for fines and damages caused to the highway system during this period. **The Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol will be cooperating with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Crawford County Highway Department in the enforcement of the above seasonal restrictions and laws.**

Spring weight limit restrictions are a necessity for the economic longevity and immediate structural stability of highways that, without restrictions, will seriously deteriorate when the underlying ground is weak and mushy from melting frost.

These weight restrictions will remain in effect until the soils are completely thawed-drained to normal moisture levels and our highways have regained their strength. This date is weather dependent, but on average occurs around the middle or end of April each year.

CERTAIN HORSESHOES PROHIBITED ON HIGHWAYS

No person shall operate on a highway any animal-drawn vehicle if any such animal is shod with "Drill-Tech", Borium, or any other horseshoe made of materials or having protuberances that will injure the highway. Wisconsin Statutes provides that any person who shall injure any highway shall be liable in damages caused to the roadway.

HIGHWAY OBSTRUCTIONS

Pushing snow or other materials onto or across highways from private driveways can cause accidents, injury or death, and is prohibited by Wisconsin State Statutes 86.01, 86.07, 346.94 and/or 941.30.

While the use of blue reflectors within the highway right-of-way at or near private roads, driveways or mailboxes is allowed under Chapter 380, Laws of 1969 titled "Blue Driveway Delineators"; the use of red or amber (yellow) reflectors for such purposes is prohibited.

Avoid penalty and liability and please cooperate toward safer highways. The life you save may be your own or one of your loved ones.

The Wisconsin State Patrol and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be cooperating with the County Highway Commission in the enforcement of the above seasonal restrictions and laws.

DRIVEWAY PERMITS and SETBACKS

Permits are required for driveway entrances (for new or existing that are going to have a change of use) onto State Trunk Highways, County Trunk Highways and most Towns or Villages.

Setback requirements along State Trunk and US Highways is 50 feet, County Trunk Highways are 42 feet, and Town or Local Roads is 30 feet, from the right-of-way line for all types of buildings, structures, wells etc.

You may contact the Highway Department for more specific information.

By Order of the Crawford County Highway Department
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Highway Commissioner