

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Animal Drawn Vehicles DSP17

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Animal Drawn Vehicles DSP17, Wis. Stat. ss. 346 & 347, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DSP17>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of State Patrol
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
9th Floor South
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.dot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

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Hiring Transportation Services

For the safety of all persons transported on the highway, Wisconsin requires carriers that provide transportation services to have authority and higher insurance.

Exchange of money, products or services is considered compensation for hire.

- Individuals hired to transport passengers must have passenger carrier (PC) Authority and
- Minimum financial responsibility on file with the State of Wisconsin.
- Vehicles used in for hire transportation and designed to transport nine or more passengers, including driver, must also adhere to applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.



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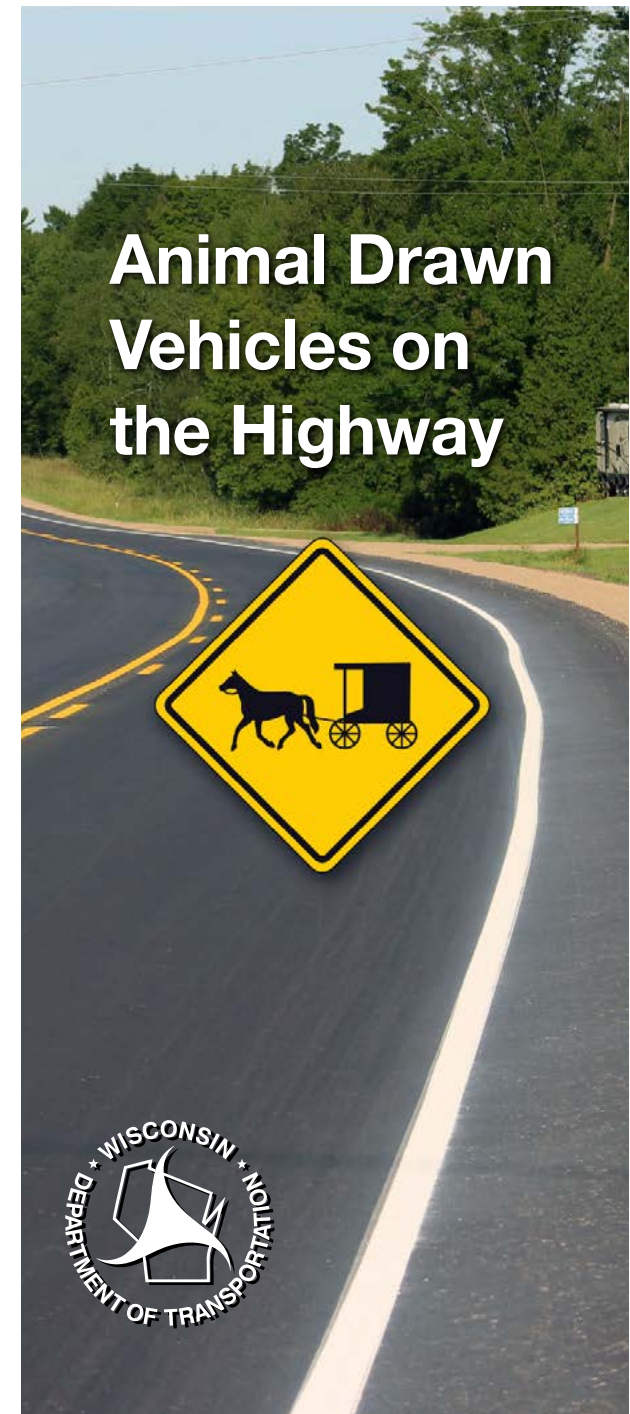


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Animal Drawn Vehicles on the Highway



Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Safety for all vehicles that travel Wisconsin highways

Animal drawn vehicles on the highway are a common sight in some areas of Wisconsin. The goal is to educate motor vehicle operators, as well as non-motor vehicle operators, on the rules of the road.



Equipment Laws/Exemption

Animal drawn vehicles are exempt from most equipment laws in Wisconsin. Only statutory sections that specifically mention animal drawn vehicles apply.

Equipment Applicable to animal drawn vehicles

LIGHTS – ELECTRIC

Note: lanterns no longer allowed.

During hours of darkness or inclement weather, all animal drawn vehicles must be equipped with the following operational lights:

- **At least one (1) lighted white light** – visible from a distance of 500 feet ahead.
- **Two (2) lighted red lights to the rear** – visible from a distance of 500 feet and mounted as to indicate the extreme width of the vehicle.
- **Two (2) yellow or amber strobe lights** – visible from a distance of 500 feet and mounted to the rear and mounted not more than six inches from the lateral extremities of the vehicle.

While parked on the roadway or the shoulder during hours of darkness, an animal drawn vehicle must have the above listed lights activated. If parked within the corporate limits of a city or village that has a street light within 500 feet to make the vehicle visible, only a red reflector on the rear closest to approaching traffic is required.

SLOW MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM (SMV)

While operating on a highway, day or night, any animal-drawn vehicle must display a SMV emblem on the rear of the vehicle.



TIRES

Rubber tires are preferred to lessen damage to the highway surface. Metal tires are allowed on the vehicles if they do not damage the highway.

Rules of the Road

Animal drawn vehicles have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles when operated on the highway. Other drivers may not understand how slowly an animal drawn vehicle moves.

All rules relating to turning, meeting, passing, stopping and yielding apply to animal drawn vehicles.

The operator of an animal drawn vehicle has the right to operate in the lane of traffic but must also be aware of motor vehicles in the vicinity. Animal drawn vehicles may operate on the shoulder of the road if the operator wishes.

IMPEDING TRAFFIC

The operator of any vehicle moving at a speed so slow as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic shall, if practicable, yield the roadway to an over-taking vehicle.

If an animal drawn vehicle operator is able to move over to allow vehicles to proceed, the operator must move over.



CRASH REPORTING

If operating on a highway, the operator of an animal drawn vehicle must report the crash to law enforcement if it involves vehicles other than animal drawn vehicles. If just animal drawn vehicles are involved, the crash reporting statutes do not apply.