

## REGISTRATION

Every trailer or semi-trailer and load thereon, weighing more than 2,000 pounds, except a farm trailer, shall display registration for the current year (8-143(2)(a))

Farm trailers hauling 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 under the age of 14 years shall ride on any vehicle or upon any portion thereof not designed or intended for use of passengers when the vehicle is being operated within the corporate limits of a city or on the state highway system. (8-1578a)

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



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# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## Required Lights (Chapter 8, Article 17)



### 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 (except boat 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, if the tail lights are recessed.
- 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.
- Clearance lamps and side marker lamps may be mounted in combination.
- 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)

When three vehicles are connected by towbar mechanisms, the towbar between the towing vehicle and the first vehicle shall be equipped with an anti-sway mechanism. In addition, the second towed vehicle of every combination of vehicles so connected, shall be equipped with service brakes acting on the wheels of at least one axel, and which are a type approved by the secretary of transportation and of such character as to be applied automatically and promptly.



Maximum overall length allowed in Kansas is 65 feet

## Safety Chains/Cables (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 without an oversize 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 showing to the rear and two red lights and reflectors showing to the sides. (8-1703 & 8-1715)