

State by State Trailer Brake Laws

| State | Width | Phone Number | Web Address | Trailer Braking System Requirements |
|----------------|-------|--------------|--|--|
| Alabama | 102" | 334-242-6358 | www.dot.state.al.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Alaska | 102" | 907-465-3900 | www.dot.state.ak.us | Required over 5000 lbs GVW |
| Arizona | 102" | 602-712-7227 | www.azdot.gov | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Arkansas | 102" | 501-569-2612 | www.ahtd.state.ar.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW / all trailers weighing over 1500 lbs or more shall have brakes on all axles |
| California | 102" | 916-654-5266 | www.dot.ca.gov | Required over 3000 lbs GVW / on at least two wheels |
| Colorado | 102" | 800-999-4997 | www.dot.state.co.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Connecticut | 102" | 860-594-3000 | www.dot.state.ct.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW, on all wheels. All trailers over 8000 lbs GVW shall be capable of braking by foot or hand |
| Delaware | 102" | 302-760-2080 | www.deldot.net | Every motor vehicle when operated on a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement, and to stop and hold such vehicle and any trailer attached thereto, including two separate means of applying the brakes |
| Dist. Columbia | N/A | 202-673-6613 | www.ddot.dc.gov/main.shtm | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Florida | 102" | 850-414-4100 | www.dot.state.fl.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Georgia | 102" | 404-656-5267 | www.dot.state.ga.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Hawaii | 108" | 808-587-2150 | www.state.hi.us/dot/ | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Idaho | 102" | 208-334-8000 | www.itd.idaho.gov | Trailers with a unladed weight of 1500 lbs must have independent braking system |
| Illinois | 102" | 217-782-7820 | www.dot.state.il.us/ | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Indiana | 102" | 317-232-5533 | www.in.gov/dot/ | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Iowa | 102" | 515-239-1101 | www.dot.state.ia.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Kansas | 102" | 785-296-3566 | www.ksdot.org | Every combination of vehicles shall have a service braking system which will stop such combination within 40 feet from an initial speed of 20 mph |
| Kentucky | 96" | 502-564-4890 | www.kytc.state.ky.us | Kentucky law does not specifically require brakes on trailers, however vehicles singular or in combination must be able to stop within distance specified by statute. |
| Louisiana | 96" | 225-379-1100 | www.dotd.state.la.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Maine | 102" | 207-624-3000 | www.maine.gov/mdot | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Maryland | 102" | 410-865-1142 | www.mdot.state.md.us/ | Required over 3000 lbs GVW. Not required on all wheels if trailer does not exceed 40% of the GVW of the towing vehicle. Over 10,000 lbs required on all wheels |

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| Massachusetts | 102" | 617-973-7800 | www.state.ma.us/mhd/ | Every trailer having an unladed weight of more that 10,000 lbs shall be equipped with air or electric brakes |
| Michigan | 102" | 517-373-2090 | www.michigan.gov/mdot | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Minnesota | 102" | 651-296-3000 | www.dot.state.mn.us/ | A trailer with a gross weight of 3000 lbs GVW or more, or a gross weight that exceeds the empty weight of the towing vehicle, must be equipped with brakes that can adequately control the movement of and stop and hold the trailer |
| Mississippi | 102" | 601-359-7001 | www.mdot.state.ms.us | Required over 2000 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| Missouri | 102" | 888-275-6636 | www.modot.state.mo.us/ | Independent braking system not required except on trailers coupled by a 5th wheel and kingpin |
| Montana | 102" | 406-444-6200 | www.mdt.state.mt.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW on all wheels. Less than 3000 lbs GVW not required if the total weight of the trailer does not exceed 40% of the GVW of the towing vehicle |
| Nebraska | 102" | 402-471-2281 | www.dmv.state.ne.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW, over 6500 lbs GVW require brakes on all wheels |
| Nevada | 102" | 775-888-7000 | www.nevadadot.com | Required over 1500 lbs GVW on all wheels |
| New Hampshire | 102" | 603-271-3734 | www.state.nh.us/dot | Every trailer shall at a speed of 20 mph be capable of stopping within a distance of 30 feet |
| New Jersey | 102" | 609-530-3536 | www.state.nj.us/transportation/ | Every trailer must be equipped with brakes and be synchronized with towed vehicle |
| New Mexico | 102" | 505-827-5100 | www.nmshtd.state.nm.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| New York | 102" | 518-457-6195 | www.dot.state.ny.us | Required on trailers that weigh over 1000 lbs / adequate brakes requires over 3000 lbs GVW |

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| North Carolina | 96" | 919-733-2522 | www.ncdot.org | Required over 4000 lbs GVW |
| North Dakota | 102" | 701-328-2500 | www.nd.gov/dot | Every trailer must be equipped with adequate brakes |
| Ohio | 102" | 614-466-2335 | www.dot.state.oh.us | Brakes required if the trailer has an empty weight of over 2000 lbs |
| Oklahoma | 102" | 405-522-8000 | www.okladot.state.ok.us | Required over 3000 lbs GVW |
| Oregon | 102" | 888-ASK-ODOT | www.odot.state.or.us/home | Independent braking system not required but combination of vehicles must stop within legal limits |
| Pennsylvania | 102" | 717-787-2838 | www.dot.state.pa.us/ | Every trailer must be equipped with adequate brakes |
| Rhode Island | 102" | 401-222-2481 | www.dot.state.ri.us | Required over 4000 lbs GVW on all wheels |