



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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Willow River-Upper Fraser
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Re: Fire & Life Safety House/Mobile Command Unit - Towing Requirements

The truck being used to tow the Fire & Life Safety House trailer must:

- have a Class 5 hitch that is rated for 14,000 lbs. at a minimum;
- be rated and licensed for:
 - weight of truck;
 - contents of truck; and
 - towing of trailer (trailer is 12,000 lbs.);
- have a working electric brake controller and lights; and
- have a minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of liability insurance
 - the RD will require a current copy of insurance papers for the file.**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George supplied equalizer hitch must be used when towing the trailer.

No additional weight can be added to the front of the trailer (either inside or outside of the trailer) due to current trailer tongue weight being at its maximum weight capacity.

The vehicle towing the trailer must be able to meet the towing capacity specified for the trailer, have valid insurance and be in good condition (mechanical as well as tires). It should not have any known mechanical defects which would make it unsafe to operate or to use for towing.

By signing this document you are confirming that, to the best of your knowledge, the tow vehicle being used:

1. satisfies all of the above requirements; and
2. is in good condition and safe to operate on the road.

Name: _____
(Please print)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please contact the Beverly Fire/Rescue Chief, at bevfr@pgonline.com, a minimum of 1 week prior to the Trailer reservation date to make arrangements for pick-up and drop off of the Trailer at the Beverly Fire/Rescue Hall.

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driver licensing requirements for towing a recreational trailer

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Few recreational trailers exceed 4,600 kg.

Most that exceed 4,600 kg are over nine metres (28 feet) in length. If you aren't sure of the weight of your RV trailer, take it to a weigh scale and have it weighed.

Most fifth wheel RV combinations don't have air brakes.

warning!

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the appropriate driver's licence and driving skills for the trailer you're towing. If you don't have the proper licence, you may be in breach of your insurance policy in the event of a crash. Your insurance claim may be denied, including claims for your own injuries, or damage that you might cause to your vehicle, or to other people or property. You may then be responsible for paying these costs.

Need more information?
Call 1-800-950-1498 or go to icbc.com.

Towing an RV of less than 4,600 kg

Most recreational trailers weigh less than 4,600 kg, and may be driven by a driver with a Class 5 or 7 passenger car driver's licence. An air brake endorsement is required if either the truck or trailer has air brakes.

Trailer weight

The class of driver's licence or licence endorsement you need to tow a trailer depends on its weight.

For driver licensing purposes, trailer weight means its actual weight at the time it is being towed. For example, your RV trailer may weigh 4,000 kg when sitting empty in your driveway and not connected to your pickup truck. You may tow the trailer empty with a Class 5 or 7 driver's licence because it doesn't exceed 4,600 kg. But when it's equipped with furniture, stored water, food and other items, the trailer will weigh more. A Class 5 or 7 driver's licence doesn't allow you to tow the trailer if it weighs over 4,600 kg.

Towing an RV of more than 4,600 kg

If you want to tow an RV that weighs more than 4,600 kg and neither the recreational trailer nor your truck has air brakes, you need:

- a Class 1, 2 or 3 driver's licence, or
- a Class 4 or 5 driver's licence with a heavy trailer endorsement (code 20), or
- a Class 4 or 5 driver's licence with a house trailer endorsement (code 07).

Note: The code 07 house trailer endorsement permits towing house trailers only. Other types of trailers over 4,600 kg, such as horse/house trailers (trailers with living quarters for people along with space to carry horses), boat trailers, horse trailers, utility trailers, etc. can't be operated with a house trailer endorsement.

To get a heavy trailer endorsement (code 20), you need to:

- pass a Class 3 knowledge test,
- meet commercial driver vision and medical standards, and
- pass a Class 3 road test while towing a trailer weighing more than 4,600 kg.

To get a house trailer endorsement (code 07), you need to:

- pass a recreational trailer knowledge test,
- meet driver vision and medical standards, and
- pass a road test while towing a recreational house trailer weighing more than 4,600 kg.