



## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

### INFORMATION PROVIDED

#### Brakes/Lights/Loads Impaired Driving Loaded Vehicles and Trailers

##### Lights

FOG lights are **not** driving lights. Fog lights are to be used **only** in place of headlights when atmospheric conditions make the use of headlight disadvantageous. Violation is a \$109.00 fine.

Any lights that are **not** CSA or DOT approved must be covered with opaque covers. Currently neither HID or ZEON headlamps are standard equipment on Ford, Dodge, GMC/Chev, Nissan or Toyota trucks. All lights require to be CSA or DOT approved. A fine of \$81.00 will be issued and the vehicle could be removed from the highway. BC MVAR 4.01(2) refers.

##### Load Width/Length

Loads shall **not** extend more than 4' from closed tailgate without a red flag (day), red light (night).

Loads/Decks/trailers, cannot exceed a total width of 8'6" without a permit, and cannot exceed 6'8" without requiring clearance lights at front and rear at night.

Mirrors must be allow unobstructed vision 200' to the rear of the vehicle (not blocked by load/deck or trailer)

##### Load Security

All loads must be secured in accordance with load length/weight restrictions. BC MVAR's 35.03(3), 35.03(4) and 35.08(2) refers.

Snowmobiles must **each** be independently secured both front and back with a minimum 2 points of contact. Fines vary from \$173 - \$598.

##### Trailers

Prior to departing for each trip, ensure you conduct the necessary safety checks of your trailer to ensure proper operation of lights and all brakes. Fines vary from \$138.00 - \$598.00 BC MVAR's 4.01, 6.02(2)(b), 6.02(7) refer.

Check operation of brakes with and without using brake controller. Check breakaway system. All lights to be in working order. All vehicles without adequate brakes will also be removed from the road until fixed.

##### Impaired Driving

Always have a designated driver.

Impaired drivers can automatically be prohibited for 3, 7, 30 or 90 days and/or Criminal charges. Vehicles are impounded up to 60 days for repeat offences. Penalties can range to \$4,000.00 or more. BC MVA 215.41 and Criminal Code section 253(1)(a)/253(1)(b) refer.

*There are slightly different rules/regulations from province to province*

##### **MYTH:**

*Fog lights are driving lights.*

##### **FACT:**

*Driving lights are only on with high beam.*

**TURN THE FOG LAMPS OFF, UNLESS PERMITTED FOR USE BY LAW**