

TARPING LOADS TO BE MANDATORY

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1
TO IMPROVE SAFETY



BY THE SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways would like to update its critical transportation stakeholders in the trucking sector about their roles related to an important change coming this spring to improve safety.

The Security of Loads Regulations in Saskatchewan have been updated to better align with the National Safety Code Standard 10 for cargo securement and to enhance clarity for police and industry. The update is also intended to help reduce potential hazards for motorists, such as broken windshields due to bulk cargo not being properly secured.

Effective June 1, 2024, bulk loads not fully contained will require covering by a tarp or other appropriate material (such as canvas, wire mesh, netting) to prevent materials becoming dislodged from the vehicle or load container during transport.

This update doesn't apply to collecting refuse while the vehicle is being loaded

or being moved during loading; for construction work within the limits of a project on a public road; and for snow removal or winter maintenance on a public road by designated authorities. To see the specific regulations with more details, visit: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/122594>

Truckers are also reminded to visit www.saskatchewan.ca/trucking for information about Saskatchewan trucking programs, weight classifications and restrictions.

With the bulk of the highway construction on the way, all drivers are reminded to watch out for work zones as provincial crews and contractors work to improve Saskatchewan's transportation system to support its export-based economy.

Some of that work that will continue during the 2024 construction season (which will benefit truckers and shippers when completed) are: the \$25 million

Highway 6 and Ring Road overpass project in Regina, which began in 2023 and is expected to be completed this year; and an estimated \$125 million multi-year Highway 5 corridor improvement project from Saskatoon to the junction of Highway 2, which began in 2018 and is targeted to be completed in 2026.

For the latest available road conditions and how construction will affect your trip, visit the Saskatchewan Highway Hotline at <https://hotline.gov.sk.ca/>.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$12 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 19,400 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways.