

Trailer Operation Guidelines

Scope

These guidelines apply to all Drake University employees, students, volunteers or anyone acting at the direction of and on behalf of Drake while operating a University vehicle or rented vehicle while towing equipment in/on a trailer.

Introduction

University drivers have a responsibility to their passengers, the University, and to the general public with whom they share the highway and driving a motor vehicle while towing a trailer is much different than driving a motor vehicle without a trailer. The weight, length, and reduced rear visibility create risks that require increased awareness and extra caution.

Use of Trailers

University drivers must demonstrate their competency in operating a motor vehicle with a trailer attached. An assessment can be scheduled with EHS.

Guidelines for Safe Trailer Towing

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