



## Commercial Vehicle Enforcement



### June is commercial vehicle safety month



**San Leandro Requires Extra Legal Load Permits.  
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Hundreds of commercial vehicles travel through San Leandro every day. Some of these vehicles are out of compliance. Some of the violations are minor and some are very serious.

If a vehicle is found in serious violation, it can be taken out of service. Removing an unsafe vehicle from the highway that is out of compliance reduces the risk of collisions due to critical item component failures such as steering, suspension, frame or brake parts that have failed or a failure is imminent.

In addition, some vehicles are out of compliance due to their excessive weight. When vehicles are overweight they can take longer to stop. Excessive weight can increase stress on a vehicle that could potentially cause a critical item component to fail. The California Vehicle Code regulates maximum vehicle weight for safety.

Some drivers of commercial vehicles bypass the local freeways and use the city streets. These commercial vehicles are not delivering their cargo within San Leandro, but are using the city streets to avoid congested freeways or simply to avoid detection by CHP Commercial Enforcement Officers. By using the city streets it increases traffic, the risk to other motorists and pedestrians and can damage city streets.

TOP-HEAVY & OVER TURNED



OVER WEIGHT 3750 POUNDS



OVER WEIGHT 1750 POUNDS



The City of San Leandro's traffic division has a specially trained Commercial Enforcement Officer who patrols, locates and inspects commercial vehicles. This officer has been trained by the California Highway Patrol and holds the title of M.R.E. (Mobile Road Enforcement). Vehicles that are found out of compliance for weight violations are cited and in many cases taken out-of-service. These vehicles are off-loaded of their excessive weight before being allowed to continue. The Commercial Enforcement Officer has literally taken thousands of pounds off of the city streets that were illegally there.

The City of San Leandro's Commercial Enforcement Officer works with COSAC, (Commercial Officers of Southern Alameda County). These commercial officers set up random inspection checkpoints every 2 weeks in alternating cities throughout Alameda County. The objectives of the inspections are to gain maximum compliance with the safety requirements in order to minimize equipment failure, traffic collisions and damage to highways. The City of San Leandro hosts the inspection 3 to 4 times per year with up to 18 inspection officers on site.