

Why are heavy vehicle inspections important?

Heavy vehicle inspections are undertaken to:

- Improve Road Safety;
- Minimise adverse impacts of heavy vehicles on road infrastructure, the environment and community.

Did you know?

Chain of Responsibility legislation was introduced into West Australian Road Law in April 2015 and extends the legal liability for breaches of transport law to all parties throughout the transport chain.

This means anyone who has control in the transport chain (including the operator and manager) can be held legally accountable if, by their actions, inactions or demands, they cause or contribute to a mass, dimension or loading requirement breach.



Consignor
Packer
Loader
Operator/Owner
Driver
Consignee



What will be inspected?



DOCUMENTS

Drivers may be asked to supply one or more of the following documents:

- Driver's and vehicle licence;
- Weigh report manifests and/or other consignment documentation;
- Main Roads' mass or dimension permits (with endorsements) or Gazette Order (previously known as a notice);
- Other documentation pertaining to the vehicle or load.



VEHICLE

The Transport Inspector may undertake one or more of the following inspections:

- Gross and axle mass assessment involving the use of portable scales;
- Vehicle and load dimension checks;
- Oversize and overmass permit compliance;
- Mechanical condition and general roadworthiness;
- Load restraint;
- Dangerous goods transport compliance and driver safety requirements.



HEAVY VEHICLE SERVICES

What can I expect during a Heavy Vehicle Inspection?



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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION

Transport Inspectors have an important role in educating and working with the transport industry, other agencies and stakeholders to improve compliance standards, road safety and road asset protection.

1 A Transport Inspector will direct you to stop or proceed to a safe stopping area. These directions may be given using a flashing magenta roof light, (possibly with a siren), or by hand signal, stop sign or by radio transmission (UHF CB).

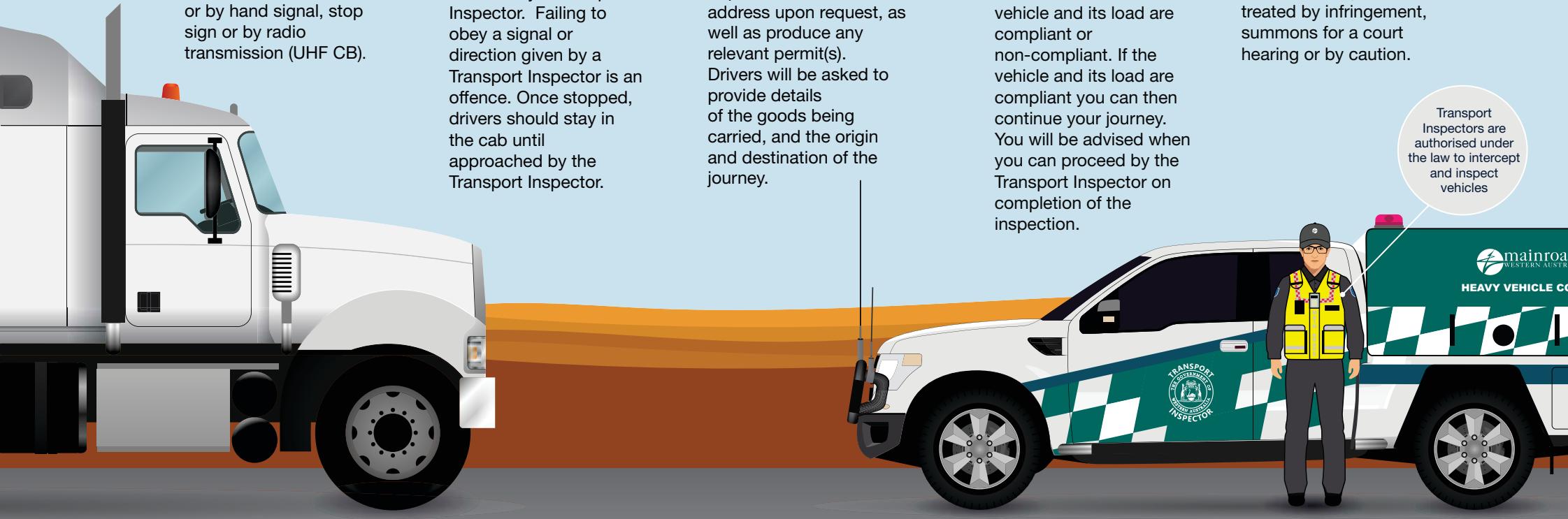
2 Drivers must stop when directed by a Transport Inspector. Failing to obey a signal or direction given by a Transport Inspector is an offence. Once stopped, drivers should stay in the cab until approached by the Transport Inspector.

3 Drivers are required by law to provide their name and address upon request, as well as produce any relevant permit(s). Drivers will be asked to provide details of the goods being carried, and the origin and destination of the journey.

4 The Transport Inspector will determine if the vehicle and its load are compliant or non-compliant. If the vehicle and its load are compliant you can then continue your journey. You will be advised when you can proceed by the Transport Inspector on completion of the inspection.

5 For non-compliant vehicles, the Transport Inspector will explain to the driver what action will be taken. Depending on the severity of the offence, the matter may be treated by infringement, summons for a court hearing or by caution.

Transport Inspectors are authorised under the law to intercept and inspect vehicles



What may I receive following the inspection?

INTERCEPT REPORT

An Intercept Report will be completed by the Transport Inspector for every stop. The driver will receive a copy of the Intercept Report that will include all the information relating to the traffic stop.

WEIGH REPORT

Weigh Report will be completed and a copy given to the driver if the vehicle is weighed.

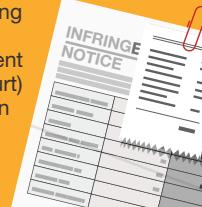
VEHICLE DEFECT NOTICE

Vehicles found to be unroadworthy are issued with a Vehicle Defect Notice (sometimes referred to as a yellow sticker, defect notice or work order) and must be examined at a Vehicle Examination Centre or an Approved Inspection Station to have the Vehicle Defect Notice removed.



INFRINGEMENT

An Infringement can be issued at the roadside or by post later. Any actions relating to an Infringement (payment in full, payment plan or election for court) must be received within 28 days from date of issue.



MDLR BREACH NOTICE

Direction to Rectify MDLR Breach Notice is issued if a substantial or severe breach is detected. The notice is issued to instruct the driver that the vehicle is to remain at its current location until the breach has been rectified. In some cases the Transport Inspector may direct the driver to move the vehicle to a safer location for rectification action.

