



UK & EUROPEAN - PERMIT, ROUTE SURVEY & PILOT CAR SERVICES

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Abnormal Load Bans Great Britain

2026

Police Force Area

Bans and restrictions (additional bans apply in some areas around public holidays – please email us nearer the time for the info sheet)
For Cat 1 STGO / Cat A Cranes / Loads only notifiable to the police : see Page 2 for key to police forces with a *, and to underlined embargoes.

Avon & Somerset	No movements in the dark accept on fully lit sections of motorways.
Bedfordshire *	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways. M25 J17-J24 excluded.
Cambridgeshire *	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.
Cheshire *	<u>Monday – Thursday 07:00hrs – 09:30hrs & 15:30hrs – 19:00hrs (from 15:00hrs on Fridays). A & B roads only 07:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:30hrs – 18:00hrs</u>
Cleveland *	<u>Monday – Thursday 07:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark.</u>
Cumbria *	<u>No movement in the hours of darkness except on the M6 when properly lit and marked. Avoid moving at peak times in built up areas.</u>
Derbyshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways/dual carriageways.</u>
Devon & Cornwall *	<u>Monday – Thursday 07:30hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark. Summer weekends 20.06-08.09 no movement 16:00hrs Fri – 09:00hrs Mon</u>
Dorset *	<u>Monday – Thursday 07:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark.</u>
Durham	Monday – Friday 08:00hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.
Dyfed Powys * to 3.5m	<u>Monday - Thursday 07:30hrs - 09:00hrs & 16:30hrs - 18:30hrs. Friday 07:00hrs - 09:30hrs & 15:00hrs - 19:00hrs</u> <u>No movement at night except on motorways or dual carriageway if an escort car is present.</u>
Essex *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except: M11 / M25 / A13 (Dual Carriageway) / A12 / A120 (Dual Carriageway) / A127 (Not SBC area) / A130 (A13-A12) / A282 / A1014 / A1089 / A1090 (Stonehouse Ln-A13) / Stonehouse Ln / London Rd (Stonehouse Lane-Dock entrance)</u>
Gloucestershire	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:30hrs. No movement in the dark.
Greater Manchester	Monday – Friday 06:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 15:30hrs – 18:30hrs. No restrictions on M6. Bans exclude mobile cranes under 5 axles.
Gwent * to 3.5m	<u>Monday - Thursday 07:30hrs - 09:00hrs & 16:30hrs - 18:30hrs. Friday 07:00hrs - 09:30hrs & 15:00hrs - 19:00hrs</u> <u>No movement at night except on motorways or dual carriageway if an escort car is present.</u>
Hampshire & IOW *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs except motorways & linking dual carriageways. No movement in the dark unless approved.</u>
Hertfordshire *	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways. M25 J17-J24 excluded.
Humberside	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 15:00hrs – 18:00hrs.
Kent *	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark unless an escort car is present.
Lancashire	Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways/dual carriageways.
Leicestershire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except motorways and A1 and A42 when correctly marked and lit</u>
Lincolnshire	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except on A1 or A180. No movement in adverse weather or poor visibility.</u>
Merseyside	Monday – Friday 07:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 19:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.
Metropolitan *	<u>Monday – Friday 06:00hrs – 10:00hrs & 15:30hrs – 20:00hrs / Weekends 10:30hrs – 20:00hrs. Loads over 26m length or 3.82m width or 100T or within 3 miles of Charing Cross - no movement : Monday – Friday 06:00hrs – 20:00hrs / Weekends 10:30hrs – 20:00hrs</u>

Norfolk *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs except A14 Cambs border – Felixstowe Dock vv & A12 Essex border – A14 vv. No movement in the dark</u>
Northamptonshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.</u>
Northumbria	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs except on motorways.</u>
North Wales * to 3.5m	<u>Monday - Friday 07:30hrs - 09:00hrs & 16:30hrs - 18:30hrs No movement at night except on motorways or dual carriageway when an escort car is present.</u>
North Yorkshire	<u>Monday – Friday 07:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:30hrs – 18:30hrs.</u>
Nottinghamshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs & Friday, Saturday, Sunday 15:00hrs – 20:00hrs. except on M1 and A1.</u>
Scotland	<u>Monday – Friday 06:30hrs – 09:30hrs & 15:30hrs – 18:30hrs. No movement in the dark in Aberdeenshire, Highlands, Islands, Moray, Fife, Lothian and Borders</u>
South Wales * to 3.5m	<u>Monday - Friday 07:30hrs - 09:00hrs & 16:30hrs - 18:30hrs No movement at night except on motorways or dual carriageway if an escort car is present.</u>
South Yorkshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 15:00hrs – 18:00hrs.</u>
Staffordshire	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. Movements permitted from 09:00hrs on M6 & M54 only</u>
Suffolk *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs except A14 Cambs border – Felixstowe Dock vv & A12 Essex border – A14 vv. No movement in the dark</u>
Surrey *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs Except M25 and M3 in Surrey / Sussex areas. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.</u>
Sussex *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs Except M25 and M3 in Surrey / Sussex areas. No movement in the dark except lit motorways.</u>
Thames Valley *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs except motorways & linking dual carriageways. No movement in the dark unless approved.</u>
Warwickshire	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs Except on motorways.</u>
West Mercia	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs. No movement in the dark except lit motorways when visibility is good.</u>
West Midlands	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:00hrs.</u>
West Yorkshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 06:30hrs – 09:00hrs & 15:00hrs – 18:00hrs. For loads over 4.95m wide or 30m long or 130T no movement : 06:00hrs – 20:00hrs</u>
Wiltshire *	<u>Monday – Friday 07:00hrs – 09:30hrs & 16:00hrs – 18:30hrs. No movement in the dark except M4 when properly lit</u>

Notes : Additional restrictions apply in some areas on Bank Holiday weekends, or during events.

For Bank Holiday bans, please contact us nearer the time and we will send you the information sheet.

Additional restrictions may apply to Special Order and VR1 movements or when there are special events.

Check the roads you plan to use for roadworks here :

www.one.network | www.roadworks.org | <https://traffic.wales/road-traffic-map> | www.traffic.gov.scot

Check the roads you plan to use for closures here :

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/>

The above information is correct to the best of our knowledge.

We update this list regularly, so please check back for changes.

It remains the haulier's responsibility to ensure they are not travelling during a ban in any Police Authority area.

* NPCC Guideline 4.4.1 applies | [NPCC Guideline 4.5 applies:](#)

*** 4.4.1.:** CATEGORY 1 STGO VEHICLES, CAT A MOBILE CRANES AND THOSE MOVING WIDE OR LONG LOADS UNDER C&U REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY EMBARGO SAVE FOR CONGESTED URBAN ROADS, OR WHERE THE WIDTH OF THE VEHICLE AND LOAD CANNOT REASONABLY REMAIN WITHIN THE WIDTH OF THE LANE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS TRAVELLING UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIFIC LOCAL ISSUES TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

4.5 : A PRAGMATIC APPROACH WHEREBY ONLY VEHICLES THAT ARE NOTIFIABLE TO THE POLICE AND THEREFORE LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO EMBARGOES, UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIFIC LOCAL ISSUES WHICH JUSTIFY THE USE OF AN EMBARGO FOR NON-NOTIFIABLE LOADS UNDER RELEVANT LEGISLATION