



## TIRE CHAIN REQUIREMENTS IN GEORGIA (O.C.G.A. § 32-6-5)

### IS YOUR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH TIRE CHAINS?

**DID YOU ALSO KNOW** that failing to use tire chains during certain types of inclement weather conditions is a violation of Georgia law?



OCGA § 32-6-5 allows the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to close or limit access to any portion of road due to inclement weather that results in dangerous driving conditions. When such conditions exist, GDOT shall erect or post signage of adequate size indicating that a portion of the state highway system has been closed or access has been limited.

Once access to a roadway has been limited due to inclement winter weather conditions, notice shall be given to motorists through posted signage that **motor vehicles must be equipped with tire chains**, four-wheel drive with adequate tires for existing conditions, or snow tires with a manufacturer's all weather rating in order to proceed on such section of roadway.

**Operators of commercial vehicles (other than buses)** with four or more drive wheels traveling on a road declared as limited access due to inclement winter weather conditions **shall affix tire chains to at least four of the drive wheel tires.**

**Bus operators** shall affix tire chains to at least two of the drive wheel tires before proceeding on a road with limited access due to inclement winter weather conditions.

**Tire chains** are defined by OCGA § 32-6-5 as metal chains which consist of two circular metal loops, positioned on each side of a tire, connected by not less than nine evenly spaced chains across the tire tread or any other traction devices capable of providing traction equal to or exceeding that of such metal chains under similar conditions.

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