**Tire Chain Requirements**

*Under the Colorado Chain Law, a commercial vehicle is defined as being used in commerce to transport passengers or property and fitting into any of the following categories:*

- Has a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more lbs. inclusive of a towed unit which has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 lbs.
- Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more lbs.
- Is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver

**Colorado’s CHAIN LAW REQUIRES** Commercial Vehicles to have Tire Chains or an approved traction device in the vehicle from Sept. 1 to May 31 while on the I70 Corridor, from Dotsero (MM 133) to Golden (MM 259).

**Colorado’s CHAIN LAW REQUIRES** Commercial Vehicles to have 4 or more drive wheels covered with an appropriate traction device.  (Except Busses)

**Straight Trucks**

Are allowed to use 4 tire cables as long as they are 0.415” in diameter or greater; 4 tire chains; 4 autosocks; auto chains or sanders, covering 4 drive tires.

**Single Drive Axle Combinations**

Are allowed to use 4 tire chains; 4 autosocks; auto chains or sanders covering 4 drive tires.

**NO CABLES ALLOWED**

**Tandem Drive Axle Combinations**

Are allowed to use 4 tire chains; 4 autosocks; 4 tire cables 0.415 or greater; auto chains or sanders covering 4 drive tires.

*IF* there are chains on the 2 outside tires of one of the drive axles, *any* type of tire cable may be used to cover the other 2 tires. Autosocks may also be used to cover the other 2 tires. *Autosocks and tire cables CAN’T be used together.*

**Trucks with an APPROVED alternate traction device ( auto chains, sanders and autosocks ) are NOT required to carry chains from September 1st through May 31st.**

**Single Drive Axle Busses**  
*Are Only Required to Cover 2 Tires*

Are allowed to use 2 tire cables as long as they are 0.415” diameter or greater; 2 tire chains; 2 autosocks; auto chain or sanders

**Tandem Drive Axle Busses**  
*Are Only Required to Cover 2 Tires*

*Are required to use 2 tire chains.* Autosocks or Tire cables may be used as additional traction.