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Overweight Coal Truck Information

[Coal Truck Facts](#)
(SB583 fact sheet)

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News and Other Info:

[Crunch some numbers; Kentucky needs study on truck weight limits](#)

[Coal firm is sued for fatal crash; Widow's suit says truck overloaded](#)

[Ky. crackdown on overweight trucks rolls on](#)

Stop **OVERWEIGHT** Coal Trucks

Truck Safety Hotline: 1-866-SEETRUX (1-866-733-8789) Citizens may call from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. to report road violations by any truck driver, regardless of cargo.

[Who Pays for Overweight Coal Trucks?](#) One clue. It's not the coal industry. Yup, it's you.

[Crackdown on truck weights a success; Enforcing limits saves lives, so get rid of coal haulers' exemption](#)

[Click here to listen to an informative story aired on West Virginia Public Radio in 2003.](#)

[For more background, also see "Monster trucks: Physics laws unchanged."](#)

OVERWEIGHT COAL TRUCKS: WHO PAYS?

\$ The WV Division of Highways estimates a minimum of \$2.8 billion for road and bridge upgrades if weight limits are increased. Truck permit fees in this proposed bill will not come close to covering this cost! West Virginia taxpayers will pick up the tab!

\$ Kentucky's 120,000 pound limit doesn't protect people or jobs. Coal Haulers there still can't earn a living without breaking the law. Mines are still laying off workers.

\$ Enforcing current limits will prevent further road damage, protect motorists, and create more trucking jobs.

[For your friends and family who live outside West Virginia. Ask them to take the following action:](#)



What other industry would proudly proclaim on billboards that it routinely breaks the law?

Since January of 2000, at least 13 people have been killed in accidents involving coal trucks. West Virginia taxpayers must shell out millions of dollars to pay for road and bridge repairs as overweight coal trucks damage the infrastructure.

Senate panel approves request for
turnpike coal truck waiver

An ex-miner, but still killed by
coal

Turnpike seeks fee to allow coal
trucks

Protect E. Ky. lives, roads from
overweight trucks

Coal truck-pickup collision kills
one

Dead in its tracks: Ky. truck bill's
gone, but danger still on roads

Coal truck in wreck well above
weight limit; Family mourns
minister's death

40-ton load limit sustained

60-ton loads won't be allowed

Inez man hit by overloaded coal
truck dies

Veto the hauling bill

Growing concerns stall
Kentucky trucking bill

Damaging truck bill

Log, coal trucks to abide by
similar weight limits under W. Va.
bill

Public input on trucking bill
unlikely; Hearing canceled: E.
Kentuckians go unheard

Chesapeake coal traffic in
Congress; Capito to introduce bill
to allow giant trucks to detour on
I-64/77

Kentucky mineral-hauling bill a
weighty issue; Critics say raising
limit may hurt roads

Behemoths: Coal truck dilemma



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Even empty, coal trucks weigh 40,000 to 50,000 pounds. Overweight coal trucks inflict exceedingly costly damages to our bridges and roads. Please call, e-mail and write your legislators today, and ask your friends and family to do the same.

For info on overweight coal trucks from 2002, [click here](#).

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Loaded coal truck overturns in
Nicholas

Coal truck solution sought

Heavier loads, heavier costs

Kentucky: Legislative road kill--
Price of increased truck weights
too high

Kentucky: House votes to exempt
more overweight trucks

Ky. coal truck law creating
problems

Kentucky: Trucking bill raises road
questions; Measure would allow
more heavy loads

End the carnage; Limit coal truck
weights to save on road costs

Chesapeake residents turn out for
meeting on coal truck traffic

Town may annex span to control
trucks

Coal trucks should be allowed to
use turnpike to bypass town

Kentucky's coal-hauling roads:
twice as deadly

Chesapeake: Left in the dust

Town's coal truck problems
return; Haulage-road designation
overrides town weight limits,
bringing back the mess

Residents claim coal
trucks back to old habits


State starts citing companies for
overloaded coal trucks; Groups
disagree on what law says

Load of scandal: Kentucky
shouldn't let up on overweight
coal trucks

Roberts Calls For Defeat Of Coal

Truck Measure 

WV Public Radio, Feb. 19, 2003

 Listen to Cecil Roberts
(mp3)

Overweight coal truck bill
introduced in WV legislature

CAG Coal Truck Citation Data
(see sidebar)

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