

VERMONT

Applicable Section(s) T. 23, Sec. 1454

§ 1454. Securing loads

(a) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle nor draw a trailer, or semi-trailer on a highway unless the motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is so constructed and loaded that it will create no hazard to other users of the highway.

(b) The commissioner may, by rule, impose design and load security requirements, consistent with nationally recognized safety standards, upon motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers in order to provide for the safe and secure transport of any loads. (1961, No. 62, §§ 1, 2; amended 1971, No. 228 (Adj. Sess.), § 32; 1997, No. 46, § 7.)

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Federal Regulations for Cargo Securement

Regardless of whether or not a state has a law stipulating tarps for cargo securement, the federal government does. Furthermore, commercial truck drivers are mandated to follow the regulations of the FMCSA above all others. Those regulations state that a securement system, such as tarps and tiedowns, must be used whenever necessary to protect a load.

To be compliant, keep up to date with both your home state and federal rules. In addition, take into consideration specific rules in states where your fleet frequently travels.

Source: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/field-offices>

**Please note the full federal regulations can be accessed via the website