

**Washington State Department of Transportation
Chain Installer Application/Permit-Winter Season 10-11**

The applicant hereby applies for a permit to install and remove tire chains on motor vehicles during the winter season on assigned, mountain pass highways and assigned traction conditions.

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Alternate: _____

Unified Business Identifier (UBI #): _____

Assigned Mountain Pass: Snoqualmie Pass Stevens Pass

Assigned Conditions: Traction Tires Required Chains Required

Chain Installer Name (printed) and Signature:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

I have read the conditions contained herein and agree to comply with all permit provisions and conditions. I agree that any failure to do so will result in cancellation of my chain installer permit. I further affirm that all information that has been supplied to the department both verbally and in writing, is correct and not misleading. I understand that the designation of "permittee" herein includes all employees and/or other authorized persons performing tire chain services or work.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval (WSDOT) Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Permit for Chain Installers - Conditions

1. In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.04.270 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-38-095, the Department grants the applicant permission (now permittee) to install and remove tire chains for compensation within the state highway rights-of-way only when the Department authorizes the work. The permittee shall operate in compliance with RCW 47.04.270 and WAC 468-38-095, the conditions stated within this permit, and shall conform to all other applicable federal, state, and local laws. This permit may be cancelled for non-compliance with permit conditions, at any time, by the Department or the Washington State Patrol. The permittee shall surrender upon demand by the Department or the Washington State Patrol, its chain installer permit.
2. Prior to performing any work under this permit, all chain installers shall attend a mandatory tire chain orientation session and exhibit tire chain installation and removal competency.
3. Chain Installers shall not set up work stations until they are specifically requested to do so by WSDOT personnel.
4. Chain installers must generally be able to be at designated tire chain areas within two hours of being called by WSDOT. If permitted chain installers are located at distances that do not make this response time practical, a different response time requirement will be communicated to the chain installer.
5. When installing, removing, or performing minor repairs to tire chains for a fee on the highway right of way, chain installers shall have at least one sign that identifies their work station. They may have one sign marking the beginning of their work station and one sign marking the end of their work station. The signs shall measure 4' x 4' in size. The sign shall advise the motorist of the fees charged for services.
6. All chain installers will charge a standard fee for all services. These fees will be established by WSDOT. Fees for services are listed at the end of this permit.
7. If no chain removal work stations are established, chain installers at chain installation work stations shall let motorists know, before installing the chains that the motorist will have to remove their own chains.
8. Permittees are required to provide some type of receipt to motorists to document services provided if requested by the motorist.
9. This permit is non-transferable. Only the person or entity to which it was issued is to provide the services authorized herein. A copy of the permit shall be on site at all times when services are performed. This permit shall be presented for inspection upon demand by the Department, the Washington State Patrol, or any local law enforcement agency. Any chain installer found to be working without a permit in their immediate possession shall cease work immediately until their permit can be produced.
10. Permittee, on behalf of itself and its employees and tire chain service providers, shall protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of

Washington and its employees while acting within the scope of their employment, from any and all costs, claims, judgments, and/or awards of damages (both to persons and property), including attorneys fees, arising out of, or in any way resulting from the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of permittee or its employees or tire chain service providers while installing, removing, repairing or providing elastic cords, or performing any other work or services as authorized by this permit. Permittee shall not be required to indemnify, defend or save harmless the State of Washington if the claim, suit, or action for injuries, death, or damages (both to persons and property) is caused by the sole negligence of the State of Washington; provided that if such claims, suits, or actions result from the concurrent negligence of the permittee and/or its employees and/or tire chain service providers and the State of Washington or involves those actions covered by RCW 4.24.115, the indemnity provisions herein shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the acts or omissions of the permittee and/or its employees and/or tire chain installers and the State of Washington. The permittee specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the permittee's own employees against the State of Washington and, solely for the purposes of this indemnification, the permittee waives any immunity that it might have under the state industrial insurance laws, Title 51 RCW. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this permit.

11. General Safety Requirements: For all chain installer activities, the permittee shall be responsible for its own safety and the safety of its own employees and tire chain installers and shall comply with all appropriate state safety and health standards, codes, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, those promulgated under the Washington Industry Safety and Health Act RCW Chapter 49.17 (WISHA) and as set forth in Title 296 WAC (Department of Labor and Industries).
12. High Visibility Apparel: All permittees working within the WSDOT right of way performing chain installation services shall:
 - a. During daylight hours wear high-visibility garments with fluorescent orange background material (at least 775 in² of background material is required) and retroreflective fluorescent yellow-green trim materials (at least 201 in² of retroreflective material is required). All high visibility garments shall meet or exceed the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Class 2 performance standard.
 - b. During hours of darkness and for inclement weather conditions (e.g., snow, fog) wear high-visibility garments with fluorescent orange background material (at least 775 in² of background material) and retroreflective fluorescent yellow-green trim materials (at least 201 in² of retroreflective material). **And**, wear a pant/bib with fluorescent orange background material and retroreflective fluorescent yellow-green trim materials. All high visibility pant/bib garments shall meet or exceed the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Class E performance standard.

- c. All high visibility garments shall be labeled as meeting or exceeding the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Class 2 and Class E standards.
 - d. High visibility garments shall always be worn as the outermost garment.
 - e. High visibility garments shall be maintained in a condition compliant with the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 standards and shall be used in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.
 - f. Without masking the characteristics of the high visibility garments, permittees shall equip high visibility garments with their chain installer permit number.
13. While performing chain installation services, permittees shall have their assigned permit number clearly displayed on their jacket, vest, or other outer garment. A permittee found to be working without their identifying permit number clearly legible shall cease work until their identifying number is made clearly visible.
 14. Loss of a permittee's permit shall be immediately reported to the Department's Area Maintenance Office that issued the permit. Application for a duplicate permit may be made during normal business hours.
 15. Permittees are not allowed to perform chain installation services in the highway lanes maintained for through traffic. A permittee shall work solely in the area designated for the installation or removal of tire chains. Any interference, stopping, or controlling traffic by flagging, signs, arm movements, the waving of signs or lights, etc. is prohibited.
 16. Chain installers shall not use CB radios or cell phones to promote their services during chain restrictions.
 17. Selling or renting tire chains, tire chain accessories (not including chain tighteners as needed for an appropriate fit of chain to tire), or other items, products, or services upon any state highway right of way by a permittee is strictly prohibited. A permittee offering to sell or rent tire chains or other items, or who accepts money for the sale or rental of tire chains or other items, while on the highway right of way shall result in the cancellation of this permit.
 18. One traffic cone should be placed behind a vehicle while it is stopped and chains are being installed or removed. The cone should be at least 28 inches tall with a reflectorized collar attached. Cones and/or traffic barrels should not be used elsewhere in the chain area as they may get run over and/or buried in the snow.
 19. Vehicles should not be backed-up within a chain area to get into a work station if they "over-ran it". If requested by the motorist, the installer can install or remove tire chains on the vehicle that "over-ran" the work station even though the vehicle is outside of the designated work station (but still within the overall chain area).

20. Each chain installer shall have no more than two of their own vehicles in their work station in each chain area.
21. Permittees shall conduct their business in a professional and courteous manner. A permittee shall not display poor workmanship in installing chains, give misleading statements concerning the necessity for altering chains, misrepresent any conditions or requirements regarding chain regulations, or cause complaints relative to his/her conduct. A permittee presenting any form of threat of violence toward any person or property while involved in the activities related to this permit shall result in the immediate cancellation of this permit.
22. No illegal drugs or alcohol will be allowed on the scene at the chain area. Illegal drug or alcohol use affecting a chain installer's ability to conduct their duties will result in cancellation of their permit.
23. Permittees shall be 18 years of age or older.
24. Permittees shall not maintain an open fire (i.e. fire barrel) or littering on the highway right of way.
25. Unless previously canceled, this permit shall expire on June 30 in the year following its issuance.
26. The Department may require a permittee, from time to time, to halt its operations when the Department is required to perform snow removal operations within the designated tire chain services area.
27. If a chain installer decides to stop working in their designated work station before chain requirements are lifted, they must notify WSDOT personnel.
28. A chain installer, who leaves their work station unattended during times of traction/chain requirements may lose their workstation location and their permit may be cancelled except for good reason.
29. If work stations at the beginning parts of chain areas are filling up with vehicles and chain installers cannot keep up with the work, they need to encourage motorists to progress forward to the next work station. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the chain installer from the "pole position" and the next installer will be placed in this position.
30. Chain installers will shut down work stations where chains are being installed as soon as traction requirements are lifted. WSDOT personnel will notify chain installers when the requirements are lifted. Work stations where chains are being removed will be allowed to continue operating after requirements are lifted so the last group of motorists with chains can have them removed if wanted. WSDOT or WSP personnel will notify chain installers when chain removal work stations are to be shut down.
31. Chain installers will remove all of their work station signs and remove any litter when they shut down their work stations.

WSDOT Chain Installer Fee Schedule
November 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

<i>Passenger vehicle/light duty truck chain installation:</i>	<i>\$25 per vehicle</i>
<i>Passenger vehicle/light duty truck chain removal:</i>	<i>\$10 per vehicle</i>
<i>Sale of chain tighteners/elastic cords</i>	<i>\$ 3 each tightener or cord</i>
<i>Repair of broken or missing chain link</i>	<i>\$ 5 each link</i>
<i>Large truck (vehicles over 10,000 GVW) chain installation:</i>	<i>\$25 per tire chained</i>
<i>Large truck (vehicles over 10,000 GVW) Chain removal:</i>	<i>\$ 5 per tire - chain removed</i>

Tax is included in all prices listed above.