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Penndot Launches Campaign To Prevent Vehicles

From Hitting Bridges

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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced a new campaign to help prevent drivers from hitting bridges with their cars, known as the "Check Your Height, Know It's Right" campaign.

This was announced as a multi-state collaboration to encourage motorists to know the height of their vehicle and check that it will safely fit under bridges on their route.

Vehicle strikes to the tops or sides of bridges, commonly known as bridge hits, damage cars and infrastructure, cause traffic delays and put the public and emergency responders

According to PennDOT data, between 2013

and 2023, there were more than 600 bridge hits or other overhead structures in Pennsylvania. PLEASE NOTE: If you are driving a commercial vehicle, a delivery or moving truck, or an RV, do not rely on your navigation app. Check the height of your vehicle and know it's right.

Vehicles and loads taller than 13'6" must apply for a Special Hauling Permit. All bridges with a vertical clearance less than 14'6" show low-clearance warnings, both at the bridge and in advance of the structure.

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The campaign will involve public and industry outreach to target commercial driver's license holders and non-commercial drivers operating commercial trucks, leased trucks (such as delivery and moving box-type trucks) and recreational vehicles.

PennDOT and other bridge owners have attempted to increase the vertical clearance under bridges during bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction projects to reduce the chances of bridge hits.

Over the past 10 years, more than 160 bridges with 16'5" or less of vertical clearance were raised by at least 3" during replacement.

Pennsylvania adopted the "Check Your Heigh, Know It's Right" in a partnership with 19 other states and Washington D.C., focused on connecting public agencies across modes of travel to increase safety and efficiency.

PennDOT said that the states are highlighting a Bridge Hit Awareness campaign this week, building on a New York State Department of Transportation initiative that grew into a multi-state collabora-

For more information on the campaign, visit here http://enews.senatorboscola.com/mail/util.cfm?m ailaction=clickthru&gpiv=2100170379.82843.382&gen=1&mailing linkid=21800.

