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## **Grape Harvest - break the cycle of overloading and driver fatigue**

This year's grape harvest is about to begin. The State Government is working together with the wine and heavy vehicle industries to ensure all parties understand their responsibilities in regards to load restrictions and driver fatigue.

As you would know, the grape harvest is a busy period for all parts of the wine industry including grape growers and drivers, which is why it's important for operators to act in accordance with road laws to ensure this harvest is a safe one.

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure would like to remind industry of their obligation to ensure all loads are secure for transportation, to prevent spillage onto our roads — as spillage of grapes is a risk to all road users.

Transport Safety Compliance Officers from the department are available to speak with industry representative groups, individual companies and drivers about how to comply with road laws during the harvest period and to help them understand their responsibilities under the Compliance and Enforcement legislation — chain of responsibility.

For those who operate grape harvesters, permits are required for travel on our roads, which have conditions to assist in ensuring safety for both the operators and other road users.

Wineries, grape growers, drivers and operators are also reminded that authorised officers have expanded powers to obtain records from wineries of the loads they have received.

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure urges grape growers and transport operators to work together to ensure they meet their mass limits and have an incident free harvest season.

For information on:

- **Driver fatigue laws** phone 1300 784 344 during business hours or email [dtei.driverfatigue@sa.gov.au](mailto:dtei.driverfatigue@sa.gov.au)
- **Chain of responsibility** please contact DTEI on 1300 799 955, email [compliance&enforcement@sa.gov.au](mailto:compliance&enforcement@sa.gov.au) or visit [www.sa.gov.au/roadfreight](http://www.sa.gov.au/roadfreight)
- **Transport Safety Compliance Officers** or for advice please call (08) 8260 0220.