



<b>FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS</b>	DATE: <b>June 1, 2003</b>	NUMBER: <b>FP0-008</b>
	APPROVED:	REVISED:
	TITLE: <b>Bridge Load Limit Signs</b>	

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this standard is to provide minimum specifications for signs to be posted at the approach to private bridges within the County of Santa Cruz. When a bridge is required to be used as part of a fire apparatus access road, it shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with nationally recognized standards. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges.

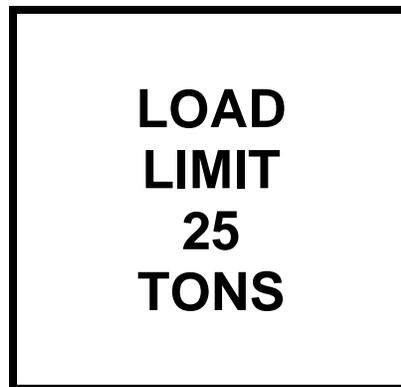
**SCOPE**

Bridge load limit signs shall be provided for all new and existing bridges located within the County of Santa Cruz.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Sign specifications are as follow:

1. Signs shall be posted at both entrances to all private bridges.
2. Signs shall be a minimum of 18" x 24", 18 gauge steel sign white in color with black lettering.
3. Letters shall be a minimum of 3-1/2 inches in height with 3/8 inch stroke.
4. When bridge entrances are not lit, a reflective sign may be required
5. The bridge weight limit, as determined by a State of California Registered Civil or Structural Engineer, shall appear above the words "TONS".
6. The sign will state:



(example)