

# The Chief (Multi-Hazard House Trailer) Questions and Answers



## How do I reserve and borrow the multi-hazard house trailer, *The Chief*?

Call the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) at 503-934-8366, for reservations and questions. An application and lending agreement need to be completed.

## How long does this process take?

Allow up to a month for a completed lending agreement to circulate to all the parties involved.

## How far in advance can I reserve *The Chief*?

Reservations can be made up to nine months in advance and interested parties are encouraged to contact OSFM as far in advance as possible. May through October may book up quickly, especially Fire Prevention Month/Week.

## How long may I borrow the trailer for?

*The Chief* can be borrowed for up to one week, to include a maximum of one weekend. *When no other entities request to borrow The Chief, the time for borrowing may be extended.* Pickup and return deliveries need to be scheduled Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. OSFM is not open for business Saturday, Sunday, Furloughs or Holidays.

## How big is the trailer?

<b>Hitch weight:</b> 1386 lbs	<b>Axle Weight:</b> 7510 lbs	<b>Total Dry Weight:</b> 8896 lbs	<b>Required Vehicle Weight:</b> <b>1 Ton</b>
<b>Width:</b> 8 feet	<b>Length:</b> 39 feet 4 inches	<b>Height:</b> 10 feet 11 inches	<b>Electric breaker capacity:</b> 30 AMP

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Class IV weight distribution hitch with adjustable ball mount and hardware	Brake control for tow vehicle (4-wheel electric brakes on trailer)	Ball size: 2-5/16. Hitch height is 20-30 inches to top of ball (adjustable)
Bargman 7-way round plug for tow vehicle	1000# load equalizing bars	Sway bar

**What vehicle requirements do I need to haul the trailer?**

A 1 Ton truck is required. Please refer to the manuals of the tow vehicle, trailer and hitch for recommended operating procedures and limitations before use. Vehicle manufacturers can be very specific about towing capabilities.

**How should *The Chief* be positioned at the demonstration site?**

The area to be used by the trailer should be designated and properly secured preferably the night before *The Chief* is due to arrive. Make a complete visual survey of the selected site. Consider trailer dimensions when selecting a site. This area should be off to the side and away from heavy traffic areas. Select the best site available.

**Are there any instructions available explaining how to use the demonstration features of *The Chief*?**

Yes, a detailed manual regarding functions of *The Chief* and lesson plans are provided at the time of pickup. The lesson plans cover: smoke alarm response, escaping a fire and emergency reporting. These lessons are consistent with the elementary school curriculum, *WHAT CAN YOU DO?*, which is made available to all Oregon elementary schools.

**Is it okay to burn furniture, toys, or household items in the burn room?**

No, the cloth provided by OSFM is the **only** item permitted for burn demonstrations. Accelerants should **never** be used in the burn room.

**Who do I call after hours if there is a problem with *The Chief*?**

Leave a message at 503-934-8366 and the call will be returned during regular business hours.

**Is there a weight limit to participate in the escape ladder activities and if “Yes,” why?**

The maximum weight allowable on the escape ladder is 100 pounds. Sensitivity to weight perception should be practiced when asking participants to exit through the doorway, rather than the ladder.

**Is it okay to decorate the bedroom area, by placing sheets, pillows and stuffed animals on the bed?**

No, for hygiene reasons, additional items can not be added to the bedroom or the bed area. Cleaner is provided with the trailer supplies to clean the mattress after each use.