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41-6a-1634 Safety chains on towed vehicles required -- Exceptions.

- (1) A towed vehicle shall be coupled by means of a safety chain, cable or equivalent device, in addition to the regular trailer hitch or coupling.
- (2) Except as provided under Subsection (3), a safety chain, cable or equivalent device shall be:
 - (a) securely connected with the chassis of the towing vehicle, the towed vehicle, and the drawbar;
 - (b) of sufficient material and strength to prevent the two vehicles from becoming separated; and
 - (c) attached to:
 - (i) have no more slack than is necessary for proper turning;
 - (ii) the trailer drawbar to prevent it from dropping to the ground; and
 - (iii) assure the towed vehicle follows substantially in the course of the towing vehicle in case the vehicles become separated.
- (3) A violation of Subsection (1) or (2) is an infraction.
- (4) The provisions of Subsection (2) do not apply to a:
 - (a) semitrailer having a connecting device composed of a fifth wheel and king pin assembly;
 - (b) pole trailer; or
 - (c) trailer being towed by a bicycle.

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