



Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

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NEWPORT PELL, JAMESTOWN-VERRAZZANO AND MT. HOPE BRIDGES RESTRICTED VEHICLE ACCESS DUE TO HIGH-SPEED WINDS

JAMESTOWN, R.I. -- Due to weather creating safety concerns, the [Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority \(RITBA\)](#) has implemented restricted access on the Newport Pell, Jamestown-Verrazzano and Mt. Hope Bridges. This prohibits panel body type trucks when empty, tractor trailers, van types when empty, house trailers, motor homes, motorcycles and mopeds.

The protocol for restricted access on the bridges is if winds are sustained at fifty (50) knots (58 mph) when wind directions as N, NE, & S, SM across the Newport Pell Bridge.

Members of the public can check bridge conditions and closures by visiting our website at ritba.org, by calling RITBA at 401-423-0803, or on Twitter at @RIEZPASS.

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