

## **Useful 15-Passenger Van Safety Information Available Online**

15-passenger vans are not like smaller passenger vans and mini-vans. These larger vans have a higher rollover rate under certain conditions. Because of these increased risks, drivers and passengers need to pay greater attention to tire maintenance and road conditions. It is imperative that both drivers and passengers follow some simple safety rules to minimize risks to themselves and their loved ones.

Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) 15-Passenger VANSAFETY web page to learn more: <a href="https://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/15PassVans/15PassCustomer.html">www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/15PassVans/15PassCustomer.html</a>

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## Top Safety Tips for 15-Passenger Vans

- SEAT BELTS All occupants must wear seat belts at all times.
- **TIRE PRESSURE** Inspect the tires and check tire pressure before each use.
- DRIVER A 15-passenger van should only be operated by trained, experienced drivers who operate these vehicles regularly.
- **ATTENTION** The driver should be well-rested and limit their own use of cell phones and conversations with other passengers. Drive time should be limited to eight hours per 24-hour period.

Learn More about 15-Passenger Vans (Control + click to follow each link)

- <u>NHTSA's ongoing 15-passenger Van Outreach Efforts</u>
- Reducing the Risk of Rollover Crashes in 15-Passenger Vans
- Don't use 15-passenger vans for school transportation
- Print out the new English & Spanish safety hangtag (To order free copies of the hangtag, call 1-888-327-4236)
- Spread the word: Use this free article in your organization's newsletter, website or other publications.

## Recommended uses of the information on the web page

- Informing the board or management committee of the dangers posed by 15-passenger vans
- Training materials for drivers and passengers
- Means of keeping informed on new developments in 15-passenger van safety

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