



Minimizing the Risk, 15-Passenger Van Safety

In a continuing effort to keep our clients that use 15-passenger vans informed about how to reduce rollover risks, avoid potential dangers, and better protect occupants in the event of a rollover crash, **Utica National has produced a CD titled “Minimizing the Risk, 15 Passenger Van Safety”**. Fifteen-passenger vans are more likely to be involved in a single-vehicle rollover crash than any other type of vehicle. The good news is that such consumer alerts and educational efforts are apparently working to help reduce fatalities in 15-passenger van rollover crashes. The proof is in the numbers: The percent of 15-passenger van occupant fatalities that occur as a result of rollover crashes is down from a high of 81% in 2000 to 52% in 2003. We need to sustain the effort to monitor and control this risk.

The CD contains five tools (**Risk Management Alerts**) to help administrators maintain control of this serious exposure. The five are as follows:

1. Useful 15-passenger Van Safety Information

This Risk Management Alert illustrates the information available on the National Highway Transportation Administration’s website. The referenced site is useful to those in charge of controlling this exposure.

2. Driver Selection and Training

This document provides some guidelines for selecting and training qualified drivers.

3. Drivers List and Training Log for 15-Passenger Vans

This tool should be used to maintain control of the number of drivers, assure they have been qualified to drive 15 passenger vans and assure all drivers have received appropriate training.

4. Checklist for Drivers of 15-Passenger Vans

This is a checklist that should be reviewed by the driver prior to each trip. Sign-off is required and an original should be kept on file and a copy given to the driver for reference during the trip.


Please note there is an Excel spreadsheet version that is included in the CD behind the word version for those that prefer it.

5. Vehicle Safety Checklist

This form takes the driver through a vehicle inspection that should be completed prior to each trip.

We encourage each client to utilize this package. Our risk management professional can provide further assistance. Utica National will continue to keep you informed on emerging information that can help you better manage this exposure.

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