THE PROBLEM WITH 12- and 15-PASSENGER VANS

How Unsafe Are They?

From church groups to camps, 12- and 15-passenger vans are widely used to transport children and adults. There's only one problem. They are fundamentally unsafe.

12- and 15-passenger vans are in common use among child-serving organizations, but there are safer, more appropriate alternatives.

WHERE TO START

DON'T COMPROMISE ON SAFETY

COMMITE to phasing out all use of 12- and 15-passenger vans, including renting and leasing, at your organization within one year, and create a plan to do so.

SPREAD THE WORD

12- and 15-passenger vans are in common use by churches and community groups in every community. They are an accident waiting to happen. Help us get this message out.

INVEST

in safer vehicles and better protocols to ensure the safety of everybody using your vehicles.

UNEVEN WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

50% of weight is distributed to the back left quadrant of the van, making tire blowouts more likely.

Source: vanangels.com/faq

UNSTABLE OVER 45 MPH

The flat walls of these vans make them unstable at higher speeds or in high wind.

Source: USDOT

HIGH CENTER OF GRAVITY

12- and 15-passenger vans are prone to rollover. That likelihood increases when fully loaded, when luggage is carried on the roof or when towing a trailer.

Source: USDOT

ROLLOVER SAFETY

12- and 15-passenger vans are more likely to roll than mini vans when fully loaded.

40%

"The Rollover Propensity of 15-passenger vans" 2001

88% REDUCTION*

Mini Van

All models of mini vans have a minimum of an NHTSA 4-star rating.

Mini Bus

School Bus

School buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injuries.

- American School Bus Council

Don't Compromise on Safety

Commit

Invest

Spread the Word

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WHERE TO START

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www.redwoodsgroup.com/van-safety

NHTSA Information and Data on Van and Transportation Safety

www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Shoppers/Passenger+Van+Safety

Downloadable Flyers, Posters and Graphics

www.redwoodsgroup.com/van-safety/resources

Strategic Action Plan for Phasing Out Vans

www.redwoodsgroup.com/van-safety/VAP

Publications

SAFETY WARNINGS


Mini Van

School Bus

Mini Bus

School Bus

WASHINGTON, DC: WHAT'S GOING ON?

Number of States where Federal laws PROHIBIT THE SALE to schools of 12- and 15-passenger vans to transport children to and from school.

Source: NHTSA Title 49, US Code, Chapter 301: § 30112 (a) (2)

Number of States including DC that PROHIBIT THE USE of 12- and 15-passenger vans to transport children to and from school.

Source: National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS)

*The vans above belong to customers who have committed to a timeline for eliminating their use. We can work with you to create such a timeline.

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