12- and 15-passenger vans are MORE LIKELY TO ROLL than mini vans when fully loaded.

40%

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Ban the Van

12- and 15-passenger vans were created to move cargo, not kids.
What we commonly call “12- and 15-passenger vans” are actually modified cargo vans that are not safe for human passengers. Organizations like yours face a tough challenge of finding budget-friendly alternatives, but Redwoods is here to help.

THE FACTS:

**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

**PRONE TO TIRE BLOWOUT**
57% of 12- and 15-passenger vans have at least one significantly under-inflated tire.

Source: safercar.gov

**UNSTABLE OVER 45 MPH**
The flat walls of these vans make them unstable at higher speeds or in high wind.

Source: USDOT

Let’s Do This

**COMMIT**
to phasing out all use of 12- and 15-passenger vans, including renting and leasing, at your organization.

**PLAN**
for an orderly and timely phase out, including rigorous safety protocols for any vans that remain in service for the time being.
**INADEQUATE SIDE-IMPACT PROTECTION**

These vans were originally designed to maximize cargo space, meaning they have little side impact and rollover protection for passengers.

Source: stnonline.com/resources/safety/non-conforming-vans

**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

**SEATING BEHIND REAR AXLE**

Additional seats behind the rear axle make vans harder to handle.

Source: NHTSA

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**INVEST**

in safer vehicles to ensure the wellbeing of everybody your organization serves.

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**SHARE**

12- and 15-passenger vans are used by organizations of all sizes, in communities nationwide. Spread the word about the dangers of this form of transportation and share strategies for phasing them out of use in your community.
How to Get it Done
Budgets are limited and new vehicles are expensive. Below are some ideas for igniting your safety mission now and in the future.

SAFETY TODAY
We get it—organizations like yours can’t get rid of a needed form of transportation overnight. As you develop a Ban the Van campaign in your community, follow this guidance to reduce the likelihood of an accident in the vehicles you’re currently operating.

- Remove the back seats
- Avoid highways and stay below 45mph
- Do not carry more than 10 passengers
- Never transport anything on the roof of the vehicle, or tow a trailer

SAFETY TOMORROW
Consider organizing a dedicated fundraising campaign to phase out vans at your organization, or contacting members of your community who may be able to help. Whether it’s a moving company who could convert them back to cargo vans or a corporate sponsor seeking a great project to get behind, it may take time and resourcefulness to get this done. Inspire your community around this important issue—Redwoods is here to help!

Give us a call or email to get started:

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