

**VAN USAGE AGREEMENT FOR S.E. MOTOR POOL
RESTRICTED USE OF PASSENGER VANS WITH SEATING FOR OVER 10 OCCUPANTS**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LARGE VAN ADVISORY

The risk of a rollover crash in an 15-passenger van dramatically increases as the number of occupants increases to full capacity. Placing a load on the roof also contributes to this increased risk of rollover. These two conditions change the van's center of gravity. As a result, the van has less resistance to rollover and handles differently from other passenger vehicles making it more difficult to control in an emergency situation. Most vehicle rollovers are single vehicle crashes in which the vehicle runs off the road and overturns when it strikes a ditch, embankment, soft soil, or other object.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING ROLLOVER

Drivers must be well rested and maintain a safe speed for weather and road conditions. Drivers must be especially cautious on *curved* rural roads and maintain a safe speed to avoid running off the road. If the van's wheels drop off the roadway, *gradually* reduce speed and steer back onto the roadway when it is safe to do so.

BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY

Eighty percent of people killed in rollover crashes in 15-passenger vans were not wearing seat belts. Passengers can dramatically reduce their risk of being killed or seriously injured in a rollover crash by simply using their seat belts. All vehicle occupants should always wear seatbelts. Drivers should be responsible for enforcing the use of seatbelts.

EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE MUST HAVE THEIR SEATBELT SECURED BEFORE VEHICLE IS MOVED!!!!

OTHER TIPS FOR SAFE DRIVING

When an 15-passenger van is not full, passengers should sit in seats that are in front of the rear axle. More than 10 people should never be allowed to ride in an 15-passenger van. Because 15-passenger vans are substantially longer and wider than cars, they: require more space and additional reliance on the side-view mirrors for passing; do not respond as well to abrupt steering maneuvers; require additional breaking time.

The van does not meet Federal Bus Safety Standards and you must not transport children in the twelfth (12th) grade or younger for school- related functions.

Driver acknowledges, by his/her signature below, that he/she has read the above consumer advisory and instructions, has done a pre-trip inspection of the vehicle prior to leaving the Motor Pool Parking Lot and agrees to abide by all requirements listed above.

Date: _____

Driver(s): _____