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Use of 11(including driver) to 15 Passenger Vans is Prohibited!

11 (including driver) -15 passenger vans should either be replaced with a school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB). A MFSAB is a vehicle which complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to school buses for crash survivability and mirrors.

If a MFSAB is used for the transportation of children, these vehicles must meet FMVSS 111; FMVSS 220; FMVSS 221; and FMVSS 222 (see below). When acquiring a bus or shuttle to transport adults, the four FMVSS should also be followed.

FMVSS 111 – Fulfills the safety requirement for the rear-view and cross-view visibility.

FMVSS 220 – Establishes requirements for the school bus body structure in rollover accidents.

FMVSS 221 – Regulates the strength of body panel joints in school buses.

FMVSS 222 – Establishes occupant protection requirements for school bus passenger seating and barriers.

Removal of seats from a vehicle designed to transport 11 (including driver) to 15 passenger vans to make the vehicle a 10 or less passenger vehicle is not allowed.

Mini-vans may be used to transport children or adults. A mini-van is **defined** as a passenger vehicle designed to transport no more than 8 total occupants.

While the use of 11 (including driver) to 15 passenger vans is prohibited to transport people, the vehicles can be used for cargo hauling **only** if all but the two front seats are removed.

Important Note: Vans, Buses and Shuttle Buses capable of transporting 16 plus passengers must also comply with the above FMVSS.

If you have questions on whether or not your vehicle would be in compliance, please contact the Risk Management Department at 1-800-228-6108.