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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, the vehicle must meet the following four FMVSS:

**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. Additionally, shuttle buses that do not meet the above listed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for a MFSAB are 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.

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

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