

# QUICKTIPS... on Transportation Safety

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The mission of the church is to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. This requires the church to move beyond its doors and address its mission in many forms and in many locations. In today's world, that means providing transportation for the support of this ministry. As a result of this we participate in a Church that is constantly on the move.

Please remember that Adventist Risk Management is continuing in its effort to discourage the use of 15-passenger vans. They represent an usual risk to our members that must be avoided. Safety should be a primary consideration when our members are under our care, custody, and control.



The following checklist represents an attempt on the part of Adventist Risk Management (ARM) to mitigate the risks associated with a mobile congregation. Please, take time to review your transportation plans before placing your members at risk. The following checklist is a tool that can be used before each trip.

- Select appropriate vehicle for the activity
- Require a seatbelt for each passenger (no seatbelt, no passenger)
- Regular vehicle maintenance
- Tire tread
- Tire pressure
- Belts & hoses
- Wiper blades
- Cooling system (avoid engine overheating)
- Air conditioning
- Fluid levels
- All lights (headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and interior lights)
- Emergency roadside kit (first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, flares)

## **IN ADDITION TO THE VEHICLE CHECK, CONSIDERATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO WHO IS DRIVING THE VEHICLE.**

- Properly licensed for the vehicle being used
- Experience driving the assigned vehicle
- 21 years of age (minimum)
- Review driving record (no more than two traffic citations and no “at-fault” accidents)
- Periodic driver refresher courses (especially when driving a bus or van)

## **POLICY ON “DISTRACTED DRIVING” SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- No cell phone use by driver
- No texting
- No eating or drinking
- No reading maps, books, notes
- No fiddling with GPS directional software
- Boisterous children should be dealt with when the vehicle is stopped. Pull over if necessary
- An additional supervisor should be assigned (take calls, provide directions, supervise occupants)

## **USE OF “PRIVATE VEHICLES”**

- Private vehicle (your auto insurance is primary)
- Driver must be at least 21 years of age
- A copy of the “Driver License” should be kept at the Church/School
- Proof of Insurance card with the automobile
- Good driving record (MVR report)

This represents just a beginning in our efforts to protect our members when they are transported to church sponsored activities. **Thank you for making vehicle safety a key part of your risk management program.**

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