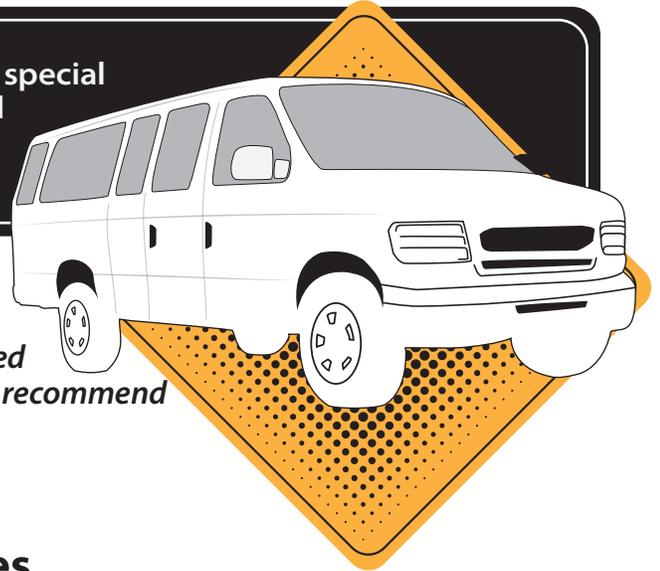


EXERCISE CAUTION

with 9, 12 and 15-passenger vans

Follow these simple safety tips to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

These large vans with up to five rows of seats have special handling issues and, particularly when fully loaded with passengers, are less stable than most other types of passenger vehicles.



✓ Tire maintenance is crucial

Tires degrade over time, so spare tires should not be used as replacement for worn tires. Many tire manufactures recommend that tires older than 10 years not be used at all.

Make sure the vehicles have:

- ✓ **Appropriately sized tires**
- ✓ **Properly inflated tires**

These vehicles should be checked by a qualified service center to make sure that they have the appropriate type of tires and that the tires and suspension system of the vehicle are in safe condition.

✓ Buckle up –every person –every time and use child safety seats.

Additional safety tips

- ✓ **Make sure the vehicle is properly maintained.**
- ✓ **Drivers should be fully experienced** in operating a 9, 12 and 15 –passenger van and be properly licensed, with a regular, Class D operator’s license. Commercial operation of vans that seat 9 or more people may be required to comply with additional federal DOT safety regulations.
- ✓ **Understand the different handling characteristics of these larger vehicles.** Large vans respond to steering and braking differently, especially when driving in windy conditions and when fully loaded.
- ✓ These vans are very sensitive to loading and **should never be overloaded.** Overloading increases rollover risk and makes the van less stable in handling maneuvers.