



# BSA SAFETY MOMENT

## TRANSPORTING SCOUTS SAFELY

### SUMMARY

Driving can be one of the most dangerous forms of travel. Motor vehicle accidents can lead to serious injuries and even fatalities—not only for the driver but for passengers and others on the road. Motor vehicle accidents typically produce the most frequent and severe liability claims affecting the Scouting family.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Many Scouters need to have a greater awareness of the risks of transporting Scouts in vehicles. The following tools can be utilized to help educate leaders to the dangers involved:

#### THE RISK ZONE

[www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/632-006\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/632-006_WB.pdf)

This roundtable presentation will educate participants on

- Ways to prevent distractions
- Fatigue while driving
- SUVs and vans
- Traveling with trailers
- Insurance information



#### 15-PASSENGER VAN TRAINING

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/15-Passenger-Van\\_USI-BSA\\_FINAL.PDF](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/15-Passenger-Van_USI-BSA_FINAL.PDF)

USI has provided a short 15-Passenger Van slide deck for your use prior to your next trip using vans as transportation. As a reminder: Pre-2005 15-passenger vans are not authorized for Scouting activities.

#### DROWSY DRIVING: THE SLEEPY KILLER

[www.lds.org/callings/church-safety-and-health/training-and-video-resources/drowsy-driving?lang=eng&clang=tam](http://www.lds.org/callings/church-safety-and-health/training-and-video-resources/drowsy-driving?lang=eng&clang=tam)

This video on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Safety and Health website can be downloaded and used to train adult leaders.

#### DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

[my.Scouting.org](http://my.Scouting.org)

This program is based on the concepts of defensive driving, recognizing hazards, and preventable collisions. Go to the BSA Learn Center under expanded learning. Once completed, a certificate will be generated and the participant's training records updated.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Guide to Safe Scouting*: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/)
- Scouting Safely: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/)