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Road to Safety: June 6th is National Secure Your Load Day

Seattle, Washington, May 30th 2026. This year marks the 10th anniversary of National Secure Your Load Day! In honor of those whose lives have been impacted or taken by unsecured loads and road debris and in an effort to make good load-securing a standard for all drivers, Abel and Reif urge everyone to share and heed this urgent traffic safety message.

Virginia DOT communications developed some social media that they agreed to share: [Virginia DOT Secure Your Load Video](#)

Oklahoma: Highway Patrol Trooper Vernon Brake died in the line of duty along with Mercedes Bayne and her 4-year-old passenger because of an unsecured load.

<https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-trooper-vernon-brake-wrongful-death-lawsuit/71107552>

Ask yourself, “What can I do?” Share this safety message with family and friends and most of all be proactive, speak up. It isn’t easy and can feel awkward but by speaking up you may just save someone’s life.

Do you feel safe driving behind that truck ahead of you.... you know the one with the load of items not securely fastened to the vehicle? I too often hear that these are freak accidents but in truth they are frequent incidents, deadly and totally preventable. What is a secured load? All items need to be securely fastened to the vehicle. Use good nets, tarps, straps, and/or rope; sometimes you should use several of these items to properly secure your load. Please do not use bungee cords. There are no “do overs” in the world of safety! Please make good load securement a standard practice for all your vehicles.

Here’s how Abel recommends to properly Secure Your Load in five easy steps:

1. Tie down load with rope, netting or straps.
2. Tie large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer.
3. Cover the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting.
4. Don’t overload the vehicle.
5. Always double check load to make sure a load is secure.

“We put on our seatbelts and fasten our children in car seats so why is it that we think it’s OK to leave anything loose in the bed of our trucks and risk endangering others on the road? A 20-pound object at 55 MPH has a force of 1000 pounds at impact.

“Secure Your Load” as if everyone you love is driving in the car behind you.”

Robin Abel, Founder Secure Your Load www.secureyourload.com

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