



Transporting Scouts Safely

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Safe Transportation Guidelines



- It is essential to have safe and responsible transportation for all Scouting activities.
- When possible, use public carriers—for example, trains, buses, and commercial airlines for group travel.
- Drivers are expected to follow all applicable traffic laws and not drive if impaired or distracted, such as texting while driving.
- All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked, including a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) when required.
- Youth drivers are prohibited. Must be 18 years of age or older

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- Must meet Scouting's Barriers to Abuse Supervision requirements, including two-deep leadership and no one-on-one during transportation.
- Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period, regardless of drivers available. Frequent breaks are required, including rest, food, and recreation. Do not drive when distracted or drowsy.
- The use of private aviation for transportation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles used to transport Scouts must complete [Pre-Trip Transportation Inspection](#) before travel. This includes correcting all deficiencies.
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- All occupants must wear factory-installed seatbelts. This includes the use of appropriate car seats for youth.

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- Transportation of passengers in a pickup or truck bed, recreational camper, or towed trailer is prohibited.
- The use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 is prohibited.
- All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed the requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry ten or more passengers should have a limit of \$1,000,000. For insurance information refer to the Insurance section in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Safe Transportation Guidelines



- When towing the tow vehicle driver has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to operate the vehicle with the attached unit.
- Except for council-run ATV programs, All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Golf Carts, Light Transport Vehicles (LTVs), Utility Transport Vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides are banned from program use. This prohibition includes their use at the unit level. [NCAP Standard FA-711](#) provides a standard by which councils and camps may use this equipment.

Emergency Preparedness & Contingency Planning

- Be prepared for emergencies despite prioritizing safety.
- Each driver should have:
 - A fully stocked and up-to-date first-aid kit in the vehicle.
 - Each vehicle should have a fire extinguisher.
 - Emergency contact information, including a designated trip point of contact.
 - A plan for inclement weather, including alternate routes and emergency shelter locations.
 - A clear understanding of procedures for accidents, breakdowns, or medical emergencies.

Driver Fatigue & Rest Breaks



- Limit total driving time to 10 hours within a 24-hour period (regardless of the number of drivers).
- Schedule frequent breaks for rest, meals, and stretching.
- Never drive when feeling drowsy, fatigued, or distracted.

Commitment to Transportation Safety

- Scout and adult safety is everyone's responsibility.
- Follow Scouting's transportation guidelines by:
 - Driving responsibly and supervising properly.
 - Conducting vehicle inspections before trips.
 - Prioritizing driver alertness to prevent fatigue.
- Together, we can ensure every trip is secure, smooth, and successful!



Questions



- Are ATVs, UTVs, LTVs, side-by-sides, or golf carts permitted at unit functions?

NO