

NTPC Health & Safety Alert

Housekeeping Inside Vehicles



Attention all employees.

Background

In any collision, there is a primary and a secondary collision(s). The primary collision is the contact with another vehicle or object. The secondary collisions include all of the impacts between the vehicle occupants and the vehicle and/or cargo and loose items. These secondary collisions can result in serious injury or death.

Practical Guidance

Anything with mass that is loose in the vehicle is a hazard and may become deadly in a crash. It is worthwhile to take a moment and secure loose objects before travelling. Take the following steps to make your drive safer:

- 1) Make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt.
- 2) Place loose objects in the trunk (car), the box (truck), or the back (van). Secure objects in the cargo area with a cargo net/screen.
- 3) If containment is not possible, keep cargo and other loose items low, near to or on the floor.
- 4) If carrying heavy equipment/cargo, ensure it is properly tied down and secure to prevent shifting loads.

For more information contact your Health & Safety Department.

