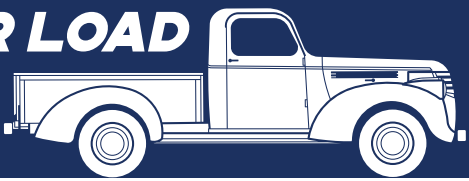
UNSECURED LOADS HAVE CAUSED:

51,000 INCIDENTS
10,000 INJURIES
440 DEATHS

SECURE YOUR LOAD



$90 FINE FOR UNSECURED LOADS

Always secure the load in your vehicle or trailer. A load must be fastened securely and is only considered secure when nothing can slide, fall or shift onto the roadway or become airborne.

Follow these guidelines:

- Tie it down with rope or straps.
- Tie large objects directly to your vehicle or trailer.
- Consider covering the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting.
- Don't overload your vehicle or trailer.
- Always double-check to make sure it's secure.
- Animals must be properly secured.

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ZERO TOWARD ZERO DEATHS MARYLAND EVERY LIFE COUNTS

Before you drive, ask yourself these questions.

- Is there any chance of debris or cargo falling or blowing out of my vehicle?
- Is my load secured at the back, sides and top?
- What would happen to my load if I had to brake suddenly, I hit a bump, or another vehicle hit me?
- Would I want my loaded vehicle driving through my neighborhood?
- Would I feel safe if I were driving behind my vehicle?
- Is "Secure Your Load" on my company's safety checklist?

Did you know:

- A 20 lb. object at 55mph has a force of 1,000 lbs. at impact!
- Unsecured loads are responsible for up to 40% of the litter on our roads costing us billions of dollars each year.
- National GAO report state that unsecured loads cause 440 deaths, 10,000 injured and 51,00 incidents.

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