



Nearly 100 Fatalities Occur Annually due to Improper Secured Cargo

A study by the AAA Foundation revealed that every year, more than 25,000 truck accidents occur due to insecure cargo. These accidents result in nearly 100 fatalities annually. In many cases, debris falls off the truck, requiring other drivers to swerve to avoid it, resulting in an accident which is sometimes serious or fatal. In other cases, the improperly secured load actually causes the truck to crash. If the load hasn't been tied down properly, it can shift inside the trailer, causing the truck to jackknife and/or causing the driver to lose control.

How should cargo be secured? So that it does not:

- Leak
- Spill
- Blow off the trailer
- Fall through the vehicle
- Become dislodged from the vehicle
- Shift upon or within the vehicle to such an extent that the vehicle stability is adversely affected

Improperly secured load can result in:

- Loss of life
- Loss of load
- Damage to the cargo
- Damage to the vehicle
- A crash
- Citations to the driver and the company
- The vehicle being placed Out-of-Service

Protect Yourself and Others by Properly Securing Your Cargo!

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