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

Seattle, Washington, May 30th 2025----this is the 9th year of National Secure Your Load Day but in Washington State we have been diligently working on educating the public on load securement since 2004. Sharing this safety message is definitely working in our state. Law enforcement, public education and the Secure Your Load program at waste facilities is truly making a difference; as it is in other states.

Renee Tucker's daughter Sonja was driving on I-66 in Virginia when a tractor trailer lost a dual tire assembly that went through her windshield. Sonja lived but lives were forever changed that day. The truck driver never came forward leaving the family devastated. We all know that at the end of the day the driver had to have known they lost their dual wheel assembly.

<https://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/virginia-family-fighting-for-tougher-trucking-safety-laws-after-wheel-off-incident-disabled-woman/3609996/>

In 2024, Illinois spent 26 million on litter <https://www.kfvs12.com/2025/05/14/idot-asks-help-public-put-lid-litter/> Remember up to 40% of litter/road debris comes from unsecured loads. Consider a Secure Your Load program at your waste facilities...it really works in conjunction with law enforcement and public education.

Kudos to two professional truckers, both named Dan, who reached out to me about developing load securement training for flat-bed trucks. Since then, they have developed a training video that is currently under review. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16Ub87Jz8z/?mibextid=wwXlfr> Their Facebook link is above so that you can follow their progress. Hat's off to both of you for stepping up to the plate.

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! Company CEO's, Robin Abel and Paul Reif ask that you protect our families on the road. Please make good load securement a standard practice for all your vehicles.

Ask yourself, "What can I do?" share this safety message with family and friends, and most of all, be proactive. Speak up. It is not easy and it may feel awkward but by speaking up you will save someone's life.

There is power in numbers and last year 46 states participated in Secure Your Load Day safety campaign educating thousands of drivers on the importance of good load securement. Together we are saving lives and millions of dollars!

"Button it up America, Secure Your Loads" "Secure Your Load as if everyone you love is driving in the car behind you!" Robin Abel, Founder Secure Your Load

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