

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
15 PASSENGER VAN POLICY

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to help minimize the risks of liability connected with travel by university faculty, staff, and students.

**GOAL:** This policy is designed to prevent accidents and minimize the risk of personal injury and property damage

**DISCUSSION:** The safety of Lamar University employees, students and visitors is a prime concern in the use of 15-passenger vans. The potential for accidents and injuries associated with the use of 15 passenger vans is well documented. A major problem is that these vans have a high center of gravity. That center shifts even higher and rearward as the rearmost seats are occupied. The rearward shift increases its likelihood of overturning. The combination of lateral slide of the rear tires fishtailing and the t<sup>h</sup>-0.0

