

## **Multi-Passenger Van Safety Issues**

The University Risk Management and Insurance Association raised an issue of safety concerning fifteen (15) passenger vans. This issue was highlighted following a report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. The NHTSA report questioned the safety of fifteen passenger vans due to weight and passenger placement over the rear axle. Due to the information contained in the report, the University of Central Arkansas chose to remove passenger seating from our larger vans to allow only nine-passenger occupancy.

Since this report some years ago time has allowed for better design and development of multi passenger vehicles. Due to the improved design and safety factors now available. The University of Central Arkansas is increasing the passenger limit to allow twelve (12) passengers plus a driver for a total of thirteen (13) individuals. All operators of UCA vans must abide by the thirteen passenger limit. At no time should the combined weight of occupants and cargo exceed the vehicle load limit posted inside the driver's side door. Please note that the operation of a van is different than other vehicles. Wind, inclement weather, road conditions, and passenger weight may affect a van in a variety of ways. Your safety and the safety of passengers depends upon your driving in a safe and prudent manner while at all times exercising good judgment in the operation of these vehicles.

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(Driver's Signature)

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