

Light Vehicle Interior Safety

Dear NETS Members,

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Juan Perez with AmeriFleet submitted a question regarding light vehicle interior safety. His complete question is below.

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Responses follow Juan's question.

Thank you to those of you who provided responses.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Yours truly,

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Question

I would appreciate feedback regarding storage, tie down and security of SAMPLES/BROCHURES/TOOLS for light vehicles—sedans, pickups, SUVs, minivans.

Looking for feedback on having these types of items safely secured to avoid movement while vehicle is in motion or in the event of a collision, sudden stop or rollover. (Items left in the back seat can easily become dangerous flying objects in a crash. An 8 oz item can weigh in excess of 15 lbs at 35 MPH.)

If you have a solution for this issue please provide input.

Thanks,

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1	AstraZeneca Mary Rose mary.rose@astrazeneca.com	Other than the rear compartment cargo covers an SUV manufacturer provides, we do not offer any additional equipment.
2	BMS Wendy Dymkowski wendy.dymkowski@bms.com	Our directive recommends that all loose items be stored in the trunk. Our minivans (we only offer as a medical exception vehicle) are up-fitted with racking/shelves for storage.
3	Baxter Kristin O'Driscoll kristin_o'driscoll@baxter.com	At this time we do not require anything. However, it is something we just started looking into this year.
4	Chevron Holly Parker HParker@chevron.com	In most parts of our company, it is required that all cargo in the cab must be contained. There are a variety of ways this is done: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nets or screens for the back of mini vans and SUVs • Nets or lids for light truck beds • In-vehicle organizers you can attach to a seat that will hold smaller items such as radios, clip boards, flash lights, etc. • Secure with a seatbelt if you can't put a brief case or computer case in the trunk
5	GE Healthcare Jeri Hall Jeri.Hall@med.ge.com	For GE Healthcare, our fleet drivers with an SUV or minivan have cargo dividers that are made for the vehicles. There is a policy in place in our safety program that all tools, equipment, chemicals, etc., have to be placed behind the barrier. These dividers are removable to allow employees to transport family members in the vehicle as well.
6	Johnson & Johnson Sandy Lee SLee3@its.jnj.com	Juan makes a good point. In process of revising our standards and will keep this in mind. For now, here's what we state in our standards but specific to Mobile Phone/Electronic Device use. We need to broaden. Hand-held mobile phones and other hand-held electronic devices must be stored in a secure location while the vehicle is in motion. The J&J Affiliate must instruct drivers to properly secure all loose components to protect vehicle occupants from injury in the event of sudden stops, turns or impact.
7	Lilly Beth Stamer STAMER_BETH_A@LILLY.COM	We recommend all sales materials and samples be stored in the trunk or covered cargo compartment of a vehicle for safety and security. That being said, we recognize the desire to keep some

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		materials more readily available for which we recommend the following 2 products. (NETS by policy does not include vendor names in Forum documents.)
8	Merck Bob Holman robert_holman@merck.com	<p>We advise our employees to minimize storage of materials in the passenger compartment of vehicles and keep commercial materials in the trunk. When personal items are carried in the vehicle, such as a laptop bag, luggage, etc, we recommend that the items be stowed on the floor in the back seat behind the driver.</p> <p>We also recommend against loose items in the front as these items are not only potential projectiles, but may also become a significant distraction.</p> <p>We have used fixed barriers between the rear compartment and the passenger seating area for vehicles like smaller SUVs when we are transporting commercial materials in the cargo area.</p>
9	Novo Nordisk Donna Bibbo dbib@novonordisk.com	<p>We are not currently using anything that comes from the company. The reps may be using things that they have purchased on their own that I am unaware of, but that would be inconsistent throughout the fleet.</p>
10	Roche Diagnostics (Canada) Francine Seguin francine.seguin@roche.com	<p>We do have a similar situation, with the trunk stock our technicians have to carry in their cargo area. Following a Risk Analysis of driving a car while involved in an impact with potential parts containers or tool boxes unsecured in the vehicle, we sent a list of good practices to be followed for their trunk stock (parts, tools and any other miscellaneous items stored in their car).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Always keep the minimum required parts and tools in the vehicle. 2. Pack the stock always in the trunk area, <u>behind the second row of seat</u> 3. Pack heavier material on the floor of the truck, and lighter objects on top, if needed 4. Do not pack material any higher than the top of the seat, excluding the head-rests

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Use restraints mechanism like properly rated cargo-nets or other approved mechanism6. Mandatory on all vehicles, we installed a physical barrier (pet barrier) behind the second row of seats.7. Do not use seats as a stocking area – If they must use extra space, keep it on the floor between front and back seats, no higher than about 30 centimeters. Same for front seat, use of floor in front of seat and behind console with nothing higher than about 30 centimeters.
11	Xerox Michael McAlister michael.mcalister@xerox.com	We do not use any type of restraint to secure these type items. For our service technician, we do provide a safety screen that is secured behind the driver/ passenger seat. This would not stop, but may deflect a small hand tool. Type of vehicle that they normally drive is a mini-van or newer model is the (vehicle make removed). Person driving sedans would normally have any materials/tools in the truck area of the vehicle.

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