

Safety Screens in Personal Vehicles Used on Company Business and Obstructed Side and Rearview Mirrors



Dear NETS Members,

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Michael McAlister with Xerox submitted a question concerning safety screens in personal vehicles used on company business and how to handle obstructed side and rearview mirrors. Responses follow Michael's question.

Thank you to those of you who replied to Michael's question.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Yours truly,

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QUESTION

For personal owned vehicles used for company business, do you require the use of a safety screen for employees that carry inventory as a job requirement? If yes, does your company supply the safety screen?

If the view via the rear view mirror is obstructed due to inventory/supplies, what if any safety precautions or technology is utilized to mitigate the issue? Do you have processes that regulate parts storage behaviors, i.e., parts may not restrict or obstruct the ability for use of side or rear-view mirrors?

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RESPONSES		
1	AstraZeneca Mary Rose mary.rose@astrazeneca.com	Within the US, we have few individuals who drive their personal vehicle on company business and there are no employees who carry company inventory. Therefore, this issue is not addressed in AstraZeneca's policies.
2	Chevron Todd Wilhite twilhite@chevron.com	Cargo carried within the passenger compartment of a vehicle must be segregated and restrained. All goods transported in flat bed trucks and pick-ups must be securely fastened.
3	Dow Keith Welch KWelch@dow.com	We do not require safety screens. We do not have anything written to address obstructed mirrors.
4	Landis+Gyr Jeanne Kubeck Jeanne.Kubeck@landisgyr.com	We have no safety screen requirements as employees who use personal vehicles do not carry equipment; field employees drive company owned vehicles.
5	Merck Scott Lauer scott_lauer@merck.com	Merck does not require a safety screen.
6	Roche Diagnostics Francine Séguin francine.seguin@roche.com	We do not have such policy as employees carrying "cargo" for their job cannot use a personal vehicle, only a company vehicle.
7	Shell Mike Watson Mike.Watson@shell.com	Xerox should also be looking at not only mirror and wind screen obstruction, but also loose objects in the vehicle. Shell does not allow objects to be loose (not tied down) in the vehicle.

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