

Ohio State University Extension 15 Passenger Van Policy

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Policy:

Ohio State University Extension faculty, staff, student employees, or volunteers are not permitted to use, own or rent 15 passenger vans to transport clientele or to haul supplies and materials.

Rationale:

A discussion of the risks associated with use of 15-passenger vans has been circulating among universities. The primary risks identified with these types of vehicles include: less resistance to rollover, different handling when compared to other commonly driven passenger vehicles, and inexperienced drivers. Some Big 10 institutions including the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Indiana University, University of Illinois, Purdue University and Michigan State University have discontinued and/or restricted off-campus use.

It is noted that The Ohio State University has not yet adopted the no use, rental or ownership policy as of January 1, 2006. However, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center have adopted similar policies that do not allow for the use, ownership or rental of 15 passenger vans. The organization believes that is only a matter of time before the University pursues a similar policy.