

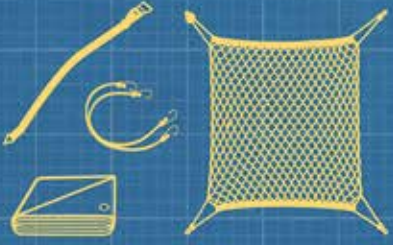


RCW 46.61.655

Washington state law requires every vehicle driven or moved on any public road to be constructed or loaded in a way that secures the load and any covering used.

7 STEPS TO PROPERLY SECURING YOUR LOAD


1.



Stock Up

Keep cargo nets, tarps, ropes, bungee cords, or straps in your truck to make sure you always have what you need to secure your cargo. You may need tie down hooks or eye bolts on your vehicle as well.

2.



Strap Down

Securely fasten all large items directly to your vehicle, including tarps and covers.

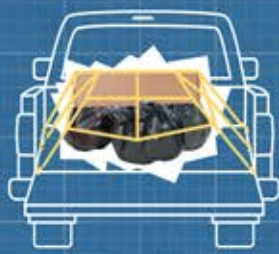
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Seal Tight and Cover

Make sure boxes, bags, and garbage cans are tightly closed and covered to keep contents from blowing away.

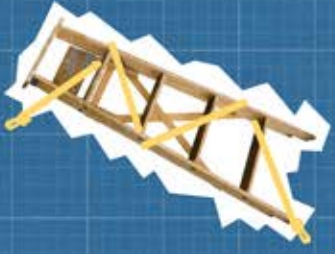
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Get Organized

Lay tall items flat and put lighter cargo at the bottom of the load so heavier objects can hold them down.

5.



Follow Through

Run straps through and around items - especially large items like hand trucks, ladders, furniture, and mattresses.

6.



Tidy Up

Remove any loose pieces of trash from your truck, trailer, or boat that could blow out while driving.

7.



Check Regularly

Nothing you're hauling should be able to slide, shift, or fall out. If you hear whipping or rattling sounds while driving, stop in a safe place and check your cargo.

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Before you load up your vehicle with trash and head out onto public roads
ask yourself if you would feel safe driving behind your vehicle?