



***Lloyd S. Berkett Insurance Agency, Inc.***

## **TEMPLE TOPICS - NEWSLETTER**

### **THE DANGERS OF 15 PASSENGER VANS**

#### **Protecting your most precious asset - the dangers of 15 passenger vans for transporting children and others.**

In recent years the dangers of 15-passenger vans have been widely publicized. While these vehicles have become the most commonly used form of transportation for Temples, the Lloyd S. Berkett Agency and our insurance companies believe that 15-passenger vans are inherently unsafe. In fact, we strongly encourage our clients to consider other transportation options.

Our insurance carriers are leading the way on this issue with new educational campaigns to raise awareness of these dangerous vehicles; national media outlets are also reporting on this issue.

Scott Pelley of CBS News commentary "60 Minutes II" reported that 15 passenger vans, widely used by schools, daycare centers, synagogues and churches, are one of the most dangerous vehicles on the road. Many states have outlawed the renting of 15 passenger vans to organizations that might transport children.

Again, we are committed to taking proactive steps to safeguard the transportation needs of our clients by providing safer alternatives as well as key safety practices.

The following link will take you to a report issued in 2004 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on the rollover risks associated with 15-passenger vans.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/15PassVans/15-PassVanStabilityControl.pdf>

There is a second article that addresses reducing the risk of rollover crashes.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/15PassVans/>

**For a more complete Temple Safety report of the things you can do to protect your Temple call us at 1-800-BERKETT. We are a leader in providing insurance services to Temples. We are here to help.**

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