



# SAFETY BRIEF

## TIPS FOR TRANSPORTING CARGO

If you load cargo wrong or do not secure it, it can be a danger to yourself and others. You can prevent potential damages by practicing the following safety tips when handling cargo shipments.

### LOADING CARGO

- Know the federal requirements for security of the cargo you're hauling
- Make sure the load rating of your trailer is adequate for the weight and dimensions of the equipment you're moving
- Inspect your cargo and securement devices before the trip
- Look for sharp objects that can damage the cargo
- Follow the special shipping instructions listed on the cargo
- Make sure you aren't overloading the truck and that the weight is properly balanced
- Always use seals and locks on long hauls
- Make sure you have the right number of tie downs and that they are in good condition, not fraying or tearing
- Place objects in the truck in reverse order when making several stops
- Place heavy items on the bottom and spread evenly throughout the cargo



### DRIVING WITH CARGO

- Check to ensure your cargo is securely tied down prior to beginning your drive
- Check to see that your cargo is secure within the first 50 miles and every 150 miles after that
- Adjust your driving to the type of cargo you are hauling
- Never leave your vehicle unattended and take the keys with you wherever you go



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