

# Secure Loads

## Check your load before you get on the road!

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To prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping, loads must be covered and secured. According to Minnesota Statute 169.81 a vehicle must not be driven or moved on any highway unless the load is securely strapped or covered.

## Tips for a safe load

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**Always make sure nothing can fly out by:**

- Placing lighter items at the bottom
- Tying down with ropes, bungee cords or straps
- Covering the entire load with a sturdy tarp
- Not overloading
- Double checking after you have traveled for a time



## Did you know:

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- A 20-pound item at 55 mph has a force of 1,000 pounds at impact!
- Adopt A Highway volunteers on Minnesota state roads picked up 35,957 bags of trash in 2018. That is a lot of trash!
- At least 45% of roadside litter occurs when trash blows out of uncovered trucks or falls off unsecured loads!

