

Please Put Safety First and Ensure Your Load is Well Secured and/or Tarped

We have noticed a number of vehicles each drop off day arriving with unsafe and/or unsecured loads. District of North Saanich would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following BC Motor Vehicle Act regulations regarding the safe operation of vehicles on roadways.

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Prohibitions respecting equipment and cargo

35.03(3) A person must not drive or operate on a highway a commercial vehicle or business vehicle carrying cargo if the manner in which the vehicle is equipped or its cargo secured contravenes any of sections 35.04 to 35.07. [en. B.C. Reg. 113/2005, Sch. 1.]

Cargo securement

35.04 Vehicles must be equipped and cargo must be contained, immobilized or secured in accordance with the applicable requirements of this Division and the Standard and so that it cannot

(a) leak, spill, blow off, fall from, fall through or otherwise be dislodged from the vehicle, or

(b) shift on or within the vehicle in a manner that affects the stability or manoeuvrability of the vehicle.[en. B.C. Reg. 113/2005, Sch. 1.]

Operating vehicles with insecure cargo prohibited

35.08 (1) If a peace officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a vehicle carrying cargo is unsafe for use on a highway because of the method of cargo securement, the peace officer may order the driver of the vehicle to stop the vehicle and secure the cargo before proceeding.

(2) A person must comply with an order given under subsection (1).[en. B.C. Reg. 113/2005, Sch. 1.]

District staff encourages you to adhere to The Motor Vehicle Act, as continued neglect may require enforcement initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support of this very popular program.