

SAFETY CORNER

Unrestrained Flying Objects in Your Vehicle

Did you realize that your groceries could be a safety hazard if you make a sudden stop or get involved in a car accident?

Loose items such as groceries, water bottles, purses, laptops, umbrellas and toys in a vehicle can cause serious injury if they strike a driver or passenger. According to a 2012 Safety Research and Strategies study, ordinary objects in cars and trucks are responsible for 13,000 injuries each year.

Here's what you can do: Keep bulky or heavier items secured in a trunk or storage net; store smaller objects in a closed compartment unless they are secured with a clip-in system; carry only soft toys for your children; provide storage options for laptops or tablets; and make sure all passengers are buckled up.

