

JUNE 2022 CCDC SAFETY MESSAGE

June is National Safety Month with June 5 - 11 being National Trailer Safety Week

Many of us will be taking to the road for travel or picking up items at our local stores in the coming months and our DelCART volunteers will be dealing with trailer loads as we do outreach events.

From 2011 to 2014, 500 people were killed and 39,000 injured by road debris some of which came of vehicles transporting items.

As we travel on vacation or from the local store or for CCDC activities, please ensure that loads in the trunk, trailer or on the vehicle roof are properly anchored. What you think is enough rope may be fine when parked but the forces of driving add extra stress to the rope or tie downs causing them to break. Objects may shift and even fly onto the road or thru your vehicle. Also, properly mark anything extending beyond your vehicle. Be sure you know how to use tie downs, bungees or even proper roping and knot techniques.

When loading the trucks or trailers that CCDC may use please be sure items are secured as at any time trucks or storage units could need to be moved even if just around the county property. No one wants to open the door and have items fall on them or have items damaged in transit.

If you need to park a trailer or a truck to offload, ensure you get out and check the area first for obstructions that impact dropping a tailgate or opening a door. Have someone spot for you if you are backing up a trailer or a vehicle with items extending out of the back. Ensure there is adequate room to walk, work or unload bulky items from the door or tailgate. For tailgates, be sure to use cones to identify them as a tripping hazard.

Have a safe and SECURE summer.

THINK SMART, BE AWARE, BE FLEXIBLE, BE EDUICATED (SAFE)