



Separate and ventilate

Do you carry dangerous goods in your van?

Tradesmen have died or been seriously injured when their work vehicles have exploded.

These explosions occurred when gas from oxy-acetylene equipment or LP gas cylinders leaked into the vehicle and formed an explosive fuel and air mixture. This mixture has then been ignited by a spark from the vehicle electrical system (e.g. remote locking, interior light) or lit cigarette.

Don't turn your vehicle into a bomb. It is important to ventilate your van if you are carrying dangerous goods.

Safety tips for transporting gas cylinders in enclosed trade vans

- Ensure cylinders have a current legible test mark.
- Close cylinder valves and use safety caps. Empty all gas hoses.
- Ensure vehicle windows are wound down for cross-flow ventilation.
- Securely restrain cylinders in an upright position on the vehicle floor.
- Do not smoke in or near the vehicle.
- Consider a separate gas-tight compartment, ventilated to the outside.
- Remove cylinders from the vehicle before using them.
- Carry a fire extinguisher where you can get to it if needed.

For further information, visit www.dmp.wa.gov.au/DangerousGoods

