

## **Sudden Stops, Traffic Accidents - Remind Participants to Be Careful Transporting HHW**

Participants in our HHW programs usually transport their own HHW to our facilities and collection events. It is easy to forget how dangerous some of these chemicals from around the house really are. They can be toxic, corrosive and flammable. A sudden stop or traffic accident while transporting these chemicals can result in serious injury or even death when the chemicals spill, the containers become airborne, etc. The pictures (*see below*) of a recent event in Durban, South Africa are somewhat humorous because no one got injured, just covered with paint. However, the 5 gallon bucket of paint could have been something more dangerous and the consequences could have been tragic. Please remind your participants to secure the load during transport to protect the driver and passengers.

# Transporting Household Hazardous Waste

Secure the Load,  
Protect the Passengers

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# Transporting HHW

- This was just latex paint. It could have been household hazardous waste enroute to your collection or facility.
- Advise your participants to secure the load, preferably in the trunk or other area where a spill could not reach the driver or passenger.
- Remember, it could spill or there could be a traffic accident so protect the driver and passengers .