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Inquiry on seat covers for Paratransit vehicles

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The Question: In your paratransit vehicles, do you have covers on the bottom of the seats to prevent passengers from getting their hand caught in the seat frame? If not, have you had any reported injuries or complaints about the exposed metal and springs? (This agency has flip up bench seats in some of their vans)

Columbia County Public Transportation says...We do not have seat covers. We also have flip up and fold away seats, and have never ran in to any problems of this sort.

Grays Harbor Transit says...Grays Harbor Transit does not have covers on the bottom of seats in paratransit vehicles, we have several vehicles with seats which fold up to make wheelchair spaces but we have never had a complaint or report of injury due to exposed springs.

Intercity Transit says... We do not have covers on the bottom of our flip seats. We haven't had injuries or complaints re: exposed metal and springs.

Island Transit says...No we do not, and we have had no incidents.

Jefferson Transit says.... No we do not and we have never encountered this issue.

Kitsap Transit says... We do not use seat covers on our flip seats we have a steel backing the prevents exposed metal and springs and frame. We have not had any reported injuries or complaints due to our flip seats in any of our equipment.

Link Transit says... This has never been an issue for us as all of our seats (including flip seats) are enclosed and frames and springs are not exposed.

Mason Transit says...We to have flip seating in most of our cutaway vehicles as well. To my knowledge we have no claims or reports of injury involving the seating question. We have installed Securement Storage equipment under the seats which have worked out very well for us. Any kind of cover installed under the seat would hinder the operation of the flip seat I would expect. In addition, our operators perform any seat adjustments or storage functions. If your passengers perform this and I can see where is could become an issue.

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Pierce Transit says... We do not have covers on the bottom of our seats. We have not had customers injuring themselves.

Skagit Transit says... We don't have seat covers, and to the best of my knowledge, we have not had any reports of people having their hands caught in the seat frame. Our drivers are responsible for raising and lowering the flip seats as needed.

Spokane Transit says... We do not have covers on the bottom of the seats and we have not experienced problems with customers hurting themselves from the seat frame.

Valley Transit says... We do not use seat covers in our paratransit vehicles. We have never had any reported injuries or complaints about exposed metal or springs.

Yakima Transit says... No seat covers. No problems encountered.

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