

# Loading Cargo

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## Loading Guidelines

- Make sure the tires are properly inflated (page 147).
- Place all items on the floor of the cargo bed, and as far forward and centered as possible.
- Use the tie-down hooks (page 45) to secure any items that could shift position while you are driving.
- Do not let items extend over the side rails, as they could get caught on something.
- Be aware that carrying tall, heavy items will significantly raise the vehicle's center of gravity, increasing the chance of a rollover.
- Never let a passenger ride in the cargo bed or hang onto the side of the vehicle, even for a short distance. The person could be thrown off the vehicle or cause a crash.

### **WARNING**

Driving with a passenger in the cargo bed can result in very serious injury or death if the person is thrown against the vehicle or out of the bed.

A passenger should only ride in the passenger's seat and wear their seat belt properly.