Now, keeping dogs safe in open-bed trucks is the law.

On March 24, 1998, a new law went into effect to protect animals riding in pickup trucks.

For more information, please contact the MSPCA at (617) 522-7400.
Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 22H states that no person shall transport any animal in the back of a motor vehicle in a space intended for any load on the vehicle on a public way unless

- the space is enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46 inches extending vertically from the floor;
- the animal is cross-tethered to the vehicle;
- the animal is protected by a secured container or cage;
- or the animal is otherwise protected in a manner that will prevent the animal from being thrown or from falling or jumping from the vehicle.

**VIOLATION INCURS A $50 FINE.**

In a statewide survey, 71 percent of Massachusetts veterinarians reported having treated animals (mostly dogs) injured as a result of riding unsecured and unprotected in the back of open-bed vehicles. Each year, more than 600 dogs are injured while being transported in this unsafe manner.

**SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE CROSS-TETHERING DEVICES ARE SOLD AT PET-SUPPLY STORES FOR $15 - $40.**

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