When vehicle transportation has been completed, the Transmission park release mechanism will need to be deactivated. To deactivate the Transmission park release mechanism, carry out the following:

- Return the Transmission park release mechanism to its flat (folded) position.
- Turn the locking mechanism 90° clockwise.
- Return the strap to the flat (folded) position.

When the Transmission park release mechanism has been deactivated, refit the cup holder trim panel and both cup holders.

TOWING THE VEHICLE ON FOUR WHEELS

The vehicle should be recovered with all four wheels clear of the ground, i.e., on a trailer. However, if the vehicle cannot be recovered by using the correct method, in an emergency the vehicle can be towed on all four wheels for a short distance. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

The recovery agent MUST activate the Transmission park release before towing commences. This procedure is covered in a separate publication for service personnel.

If transmission Neutral (N) is selected and the engine is then switched off, the transmission will automatically select Park (P) after 10 minutes has elapsed. At this point if the Transmission park release has not been activated and the vehicle is being towed, serious damage to the transmission will result. There is also a danger to personal safety.

If the engine cannot be used during towing, there will be no power assistance to the braking system. This will result in much greater effort to stop the vehicle and in a greatly increased stopping distance.

If the vehicle battery is to be disconnected, the steering column must be unlocked first. It is not possible to unlock the steering column with the battery disconnected.

Always make sure that the steering column is unlocked prior to recovery.

Only tow the vehicle in a forward direction with all four wheels on the ground. Towing in a reverse direction or with only two wheels on the ground, will cause serious damage to the transmission.

Do not tow the vehicle for more than 50 km (30 miles). Do not exceed 50 km/h (30 mph). Towing for a greater distance or at a higher speed may result in serious damage to the transmission.

Do not tow the vehicle if the transmission cannot be set in Neutral (**N**), or if the rear electronic differential has failed in the locked position.

The following procedure must be carried out carefully to prevent damage to the vehicle:

1. Secure the towing attachment from the recovery vehicle to the front towing eye. See **245, TOWING EYES**.
2. With the Electric Parking Brake (EPB) applied, switch on the ignition and make sure that the steering lock is disengaged.
3. Press the brake pedal, and rotate the gear selector to the Neutral (**N**) position.
4. Activate the Transmission park release. See **247, TRANSMISSION PARK RELEASE**.