

Driver Safety Policy

In order to ensure the safety of employees and the general public the follow rules apply to all drivers of vehicles (including ATVs) going about company business:

- there is to be no use by the driver of any telecommunication device while the vehicle is in motion;
- no-one is to drive any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- all vehicles are to be driven in accordance with the law and any local by-laws that may apply;
- drivers must only drive vehicles they are qualified to do so, including the use of trailers;
- no driver is permitted to drive for more than 9 hours in a 24 hour period, regardless of stops and vehicle(s) driven and no more than 8 hours while at work;
- no driver is permitted to drive for more than 56 hours within a single week or for more than 90 hours in a fortnight;
- a driver is to take a 45 minute break within any period of driving that is likely to exceed 8 hours;
- breaks should be taken regularly: the Highway Code suggests 15 minutes every 2 hours;
- no driver to drive when to do so means they will have been awake for more than 16 hours, or when they already feel fatigued;
- anyone who feels unwell should not drive any vehicle unless they can ensure their ability to drive is unaffected;
- use of a banksman to observe the vehicle and direct the driver is mandatory (unless demonstrably impractical) whenever the driver's vision is obscured, e.g. reversing or other manoeuvres in confined spaces or with public presence;
- no driving of vehicles that are unsafe or, where relevant, underinsured or untaxed;
- no driving of any vehicle for which there is a not a current completed vehicle check sheet;
- any change to a driver's driving licence is to be notified to the company;
- if a vehicle requires the use of PPE then all relevant PPE is to be used;
- driving at night is to be planned out whenever possible.

These rules must be observed at all times and adherence to them will constitute part of your defence in the case of a road traffic or other accident during driving.

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