



DRIVER TRAINING & VEHICLE FAMILIARISATION

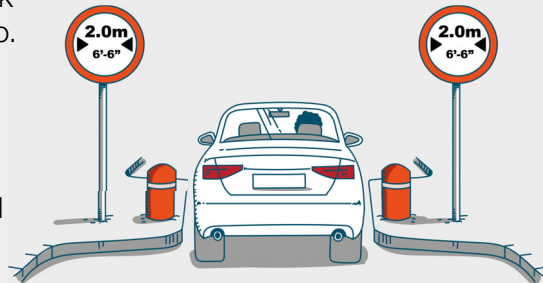
Did you know?

- **Over 90% of road collisions are caused by, or involve, human error.**
- **Drivers face fines up to £5,000 and up to nine penalty points for careless and inconsiderate driving if their vehicle causes an obstruction when it has run out of fuel.**
- **Ensure you are confident of the height and width of the vehicle you are driving.**

Driving is the most dangerous work activity that the majority of people do.

Before driving any vehicle, drivers should receive appropriate vehicle familiarisation and not attempt to drive it until they feel confident and safe to do so.

This is particularly important when new cars are delivered to drivers as the advances in technology can be daunting and a major distraction.



Drivers should raise safety concerns about their vehicle to their manager.

Best practice tips:

Well-trained drivers make the roads safer for all users.

Drivers have a responsibility to attend training when offered and familiarise themselves with company policies and procedures to ensure the safety of themselves as well as other road users.

Driver training helps eliminate bad driving behaviours.

Well-trained drivers strive hard to avoid incidents and collisions on the roads.

Regular driver training can make vehicular incidents less likely to happen.

Drivers who receive training and are familiar with the vehicle they drive, have less stress and are more comfortable during their working day.

36% of drivers do not fully understand all the safety features in their vehicle. Before embarking on any journey, drivers should understand all operating features of their vehicle.

The basics that drivers should be aware of include:

- how to carry out routine safety checks, such as those on lights, tyres and wheel fixings and report any faults
- how to correctly adjust safety equipment, e.g. seat belts, headrests
- how to use any anti-lock braking systems (ABS) properly
- how to operate any driver aids and driver assistance systems
- knowledge of the fuel type and requirements
- location and provision of emergency equipment, including spare wheel, jack and wheel brace

