

Fleet Newsletter

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Dear recipient

It's here - your 'go to' for fleet-related news!

I will send you this regular newsletter on a bi-monthly basis. If you have a topic of interest you'd like me to include, please email me - lauren.claiden@AAdrivetech.com.

If you need any assistance with your fleet risk programme, please let us know. We're here to help!

Kind regards,
Lauren Claiden

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Do you sleep in your vehicle? Is it illegal?

Falling asleep while driving causes one in five serious road accidents. So can you just pull over and take a snooze in your car if you feel sleepy at the wheel?



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Drivers to see tougher sanctions for mobile phone use!

Under new rules, which will apply to England, Scotland and Wales, more experienced drivers caught breaking the rules twice could also be fined up to £1,000 and face at least a six-month driving ban.



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Safe driving considerations with the clocks changing

With clocks set to go back at the end of this month, more of us will be spending more time driving in the hours of darkness - not only the change in time, but also changes in weather and road conditions.



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General risk management

Permit to drive

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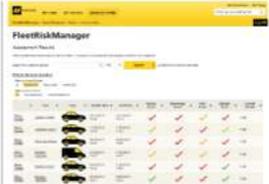
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Managing driver risk via a permit-to-drive

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Driving at work should be 'central element of health & safety'

Skanska's Fleet Risk & Compliance Manager, Alison Moriarty, has raised the profile of fleet safety as a health and safety issue, particularly important as driving has a higher occupational mortality rate than working in construction itself.



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Not the time to be 'horsing around'

Driver Advisory

Three different groups must be considered in terms of horse rider safety: horse riders, motorists or other road users, and horses themselves.



Facts

- Over the last five years (2010-2014), more than 610 horse riders and carriage drivers were involved in and sustained injury in a road traffic accident. ^[1]
- Horse riders represent a significant group of vulnerable road users and are involved in a number of accidents and near misses on the road. ^[2]
- In 2014, there were 115 reported horse rider casualties of all severities on public highways. Of these, 1 was fatal and 26 were seriously injured casualties. ^[3]
- Looking more broadly, passing too close to cyclist, horse rider or pedestrian' was a reported contributory factor in 2,428 road accidents. Of these 1% were fatal, 15% were classed as serious and 84% were slight accidents. ^[4]
- Drivers and horse riders are not always aware of the same hazards in the road, and this may lead drivers to under-estimating the risk when encountering horses. ^[2]

Advice

- Slow down to 15mph and be ready to stop if necessary
- Look out for riders' signals to slow down or stop
- Be patient, don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- Watch out for sudden movements, horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable
- Pass wide and slow when overtaking; giving the horse plenty of room. Don't accelerate rapidly once you have passed them
- On roundabouts, horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they will signal left. They will normally signal right only when approaching exits to the left they don't intend to use

Sources ^[1] Road Safety Analysis, 2016 ^[2] Chapman and Musselwhite, 2011 ^[3] RSA, 2016 ^[4] DfT, 2012b

Safer Business Driving

Employers have a duty of care for anyone who drives for work, including people using their own car.

Watch our Corporate Risk Manager, Alison Crump, discuss the challenges faced by business today.



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Fleet Management Live 2016

AA DriveTech will be exhibiting at Fleet Management Live at the NEC, Birmingham on the 19-20 October 2016 - Come & say 'hi', we'll be on stand **P65**.

We will be running Best Practice Workshops to tackle industry issues in an insightful and interactive way. We'll be focusing on **When, where and how do younger working drivers crash?**



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