

POLICY

In-Cab Technology Policy

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Introduction

Gradewell is very strict regarding the use of in-cab technology. All the drivers received a copy of the FORS Manual for Drivers and all the details regarding the use of in-vehicle technology can be found there, an informal tool box talk is also given to ensure drivers understand the information in there FORS Manual for Drivers.

Risk Assessment

Gradewell does not issue drivers with the following:

- Mobile phones
- Satellite navigation
- Tablet
- Computer systems
- Two-way radios - Are not fitted to the vehicles

Once Gradewell deems a driver to be experienced or trustworthy we provide them with Bluetooth technology for their own personal mobile phones, this is for emergency situations in order to allow for communication between management and the driver, and allowing them to answer emergency calls from family members.

Prohibitions

Gradewell prohibits the use of the following in-vehicle technology unless the vehicle is safely parked up with the engine switched off due to high risk of distraction:

- Hands free mobile phones
- Satellite navigation devices
- Laptop computers
- Tablet computers
- iPod, MP3 devices

These Prohibitions are according to Rules 149 and 150 of the 2016 Highway Code which said that you must exercise proper control of your vehicle at all times and you must not use a hand-held mobile phone, or similar device and when driving or when supervising a learner driver, except to call 999 or 112 in a genuine emergency when it's unsafe or impractical to stop. Never use a hand-held microphone when driving. Using hands-free equipment is also likely to distract your attention from the road. There is a danger of distraction being caused by in-vehicle system such as satellite navigation systems, congestion warning systems, PCs, etc.

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