

POLICY

Engine Idling Policy

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Introduction

The Gradewell Group care about the environment, air quality and citizen health.

This policy is designed to assist in protecting air quality through reduction of engine idling by employees and customers of the company.

Pollution

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern in London and around London as well. Vehicle exhaust from idling vehicles contributes significantly to air pollution.

Idling

It is the policy of the company that drivers of any vehicle belonging to the business, employees and customers to turn the engine off when a vehicle will be stopped for more than 30 seconds, except when in traffic.

The policy of turning the engine off when stopped does not apply for the periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

- ✓ Initial engine warm-up period;
- ✓ In extreme cold weather, to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants;
- ✓ To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to load and unload products or goods;
- ✓ When stopped in traffic;
- ✓ When specific traffic, safety or emergency situations arise.

When engine must be left operating for any reason, the driver/operator will remain with the vehicle.

The benefits to reducing engine idling are well known: reduced fuel use and related costs, reduced vehicle wear and help reduce emissions.

The company is reminding employees not to idle engines excessively by such means as safety training, meetings, toolbox talks and sharing information about the impact of engine idling.

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