

POLICY

V6 Vehicle Safety Equipment

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Requirement

To fit larger vehicles with safety equipment that helps protect vulnerable road users.

Policy

The Company ensures to minimise the probability and severity of collisions involving vulnerable road users and that HGVs and vehicles designed to carry more than 16 passengers are fitted with blind spot warning signage.

Blind spot warning signage must be fitted:

- Prominently to the rear of the vehicle
- To visually warn other road users of the near-side close proximity blind spot hazard
- So as not to cause offence to other road users
- So they are clearly visible to other road users

Blind spot warning signage should not give instruction or direction to other road users.

Goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight must be fitted with safety equipment designed to reduce the risk of close-proximity collisions involving vulnerable road users. This includes:

- Side under-run protection to both sides of the vehicle
- Class V and VI close-proximity mirrors

Side under-run protection must be fitted:

- Unless defined as exempt in the Safer Lorry Scheme Traffic Regulation Order
- Unless the shape and characteristics of the vehicle mean that it meets the requirements for side under-run protection

Class V and Class VI close-proximity mirrors must be fitted:

- Where they can be mounted with no part of the mirror being two metres from the ground, regardless of the adjustment position
- In such a way that they are appropriately adjusted and fully visible from the driving position
- Evidence that vehicles are fitted with blind spot signage and safety equipment must be provided.

Evidence must include the FORS Audit Declaration supported by:

- A vehicle safety equipment report and/or a permit scheme record or register
- A selection of photographs of safety equipment fitted
- Invoices from safety equipment suppliers

For London operations

Goods vehicles over 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight should be rated against the HGV Direct Vision Standard (DVS). Any vehicle over 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight that operates in London and is either not DVS rated or rated at zero star must be fitted with enhanced safety equipment in accordance with Silver requirement S6.

Vehicle equipment relevant to vulnerable road user safety must be:

- Communicated in accordance with requirement M5
- Included in daily walkaround check in accordance with requirement V2

Thomas Barrett – Director

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