

POLICY

V5.2 Load Safety For PCV

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Requirement

To load vehicles and trailers safely and within the legal limits.

Policy

The Company ensures that luggage and vehicle equipment are restrained and within the vehicle weight limits so that they do not endanger the driver, any passengers or other road users. And that equipment, training and documentation in place for safe stowage. Including:

- Safe stowage of passenger luggage and ancillary vehicle items
- Compliance with stowage documentation such as risk assessments and method statements
- Correct trailer types for any luggage or cargo to be carried
- Safe coupling of trailers to towing vehicles

Where relevant, the stowage documentation must include:

- Vehicle gross, and axle weight limits
- Maximum passenger carrying capacity
- Luggage distribution and restraint in the stowage area
- Luggage distribution and restraint on-board including access to emergency exits
- Location and restraint of ancillary equipment
- Location and restraint of accessibility equipment
- Any other special precautions that are necessary

The correct equipment must be issued to maintain safe loads.

Maximum passenger and luggage weight limits should be considered.

If the overall vehicle height is 9 feet 10 inches (three metres) or above, a height indicator must be displayed in the cab showing the overall height of the vehicle and load in feet and inches.

Documentation, records and data relevant to stowage safety must be:

- Documented and reviewed in accordance with requirement M1
- Retained in accordance with requirement M2
- Communicated in accordance with requirement M5
- Included in the health and safety policy in accordance with requirement M8
- Included in Professional Development Plans in

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