

ESA Launch Introduction

This month's ESA Situational Awareness theme is associated with 'Driving for Work' targeted at company car and van drivers who drive on business; however, the principles apply to all car users driving for personal or business use.

Driving is a common work task undertaken by a range of employees. Statistically, driving is one of the most dangerous work activities that most people undertake, due to the volume of road users, daily traffic activity, environmental factors such as the weather, the unpredictability of other road users and the public.

Many incidents occur due to poor driving behaviours, distractions, poorly maintained vehicles, tiredness, and fatigue, but to name a few. As most of us start driving early in life, it's important to maintain our driving competency by re-educating ourselves on driving safely. But it's not just about us as the driver we also need to ensure the suitability of the vehicles we use and the journey we are taking.

Available through the QR code is a short video clip that can be used as a toolbox talk that captures the risks associated with Driving for Work and how to manage them.

Being within the waste sector we have additional responsibilities around creating a sustainable environment. Therefore, understanding our impact on the environment for which this content provides practical guidance for managers to support employees in establishing whether journeys are needed in the first place.

Alongside this we have produced a poster to display at sites to promote this month's theme within your organisation and a huddle card (see attached). The huddle card is a resource designed to accompany the toolbox talk, giving safety leaders pointers for discussion, and encouraging your teams to share their thoughts, experiences, and opinions.



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HUDDLE CARD

Driving for work

Huddle discussion

Wherever we work and whatever our role, we all share a common goal, keeping ourselves and others safe.

Introduce and show the video. After showing the video use this huddle card to generate a conversation about the theme, confirm understanding and seek collective feedback.



No job is so important we cannot take time and do it safely

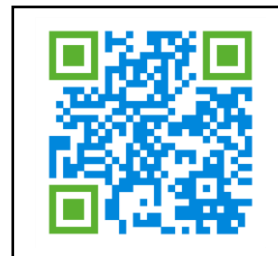
- ▶ What information should I seek before setting off on a long journey?
- ▶ Why is it important to keep a heightened awareness of your driving and your surroundings when travelling on a journey?
- ▶ What emergency apparatus should I keep in my vehicle?
- ▶ What pre use checks should I perform on the vehicle before my journey?
- ▶ What could cause a distraction on my journey and how do I control that?
- ▶ Why is using handheld technology illegal, what's the risk it poses?
- ▶ Who is responsible for any passengers within the vehicle?

We look out for and trust each other

- ▶ Do we consider the travelling journeys people take, and meeting start/finish times? Are there safer more sustainable options?
- ▶ Who should I tell when I am travelling on a long journey and what should I tell them?

We share and seek ideas for improvement

- ▶ Where can I keep up to date with traffic information and find driving tips?



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