

SAFETY TIPS FOR FLEET AND TRANSPORT WORKERS

Fleet and HGV (heavy goods vehicles) drivers consistently work without other people around them until they reach their destination and according to the BSIA, drivers are the lone workers facing the highest levels of risk.

COMMON HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES FACED BY FLEET AND TRANSPORT WORKERS:

With 14 million fleet vehicles in the UK, there are a range of risks faced by these employees:



ROAD ACCIDENTS

In 2018, there were 16,815 road accidents involving vans and HGVs in the UK.



THEFT

Companies lost £14 million due to cargo theft in Q2 of 2018 alone.



TIREDNESS

Tiredness may contribute to as many as 20% of all road accidents.



REMOTE AREAS

Stopping or breaking down in areas with minimal network coverage can put workers in a vulnerable position.

CASE STUDY:

On October 6th 2020, a 58-year-old lorry driver was pulled from his vehicle and attacked at knifepoint by five robbers in Tilbrook. The driver suffered a hairline fracture to his eye socket and more than £136,000 worth of goods were stolen, including more than 200 TV's.



5 TOP TIPS FOR SAFER WORKING PRACTICES

1

Complete regular inspections to ensure the vehicle is in good working

2

Deter potential thieves by equipping the vehicle with cameras and slash resistant tarps.

3

Take regular breaks to combat fatigue. EU regulations stipulate that a driver should not be allowed to drive more than 9 hours a day or 56 hours a week.

4

Report any abuse to help identify patterns and prevent future incidents.

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Carry a personal safety device with 24/7 protection when working alone.

For more information about how to control the risks faced by fleet and transport workers, get in touch with the personal safety experts at Peoplesafe

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