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During peak periods there is always a risk of increased accident damage, so we wanted to share some best practice and the costs associated with an accident and the investigation.

Lost Resources

Fleets often lose both a driver and vehicle for a few weeks.

Damage Repairs

Fleets incur vehicle repair or even legal costs.

Admin Work

Office workers need to gather documents, create reports and liaise with repair shops.

Reputation

Each accident harms a fleet's safety reputation.

In summary an accident is very costly! A single accident costs thousands of pounds in direct and hidden costs. For instance, consider the following costs:

Lost resources. After an accident, a fleet often loses the vehicle for a few weeks.

Damage repair. Accidents, especially major accidents, lead to costly vehicle repairs. In addition, a fleet might be on the involved in 3rd party insurance and legal damages.

Admin work. Accidents lead to more admin work. For instance, office workers need to gather documents, create reports, and complete investigations.

Reputation work. Last, but certainly not least, accidents can affect reputation.

SLAM

SLAM is a technique that our drivers should follow – its simple, clear and very effective!

It also prevents accidents.



STOP
AND
THINK



LOOK
IDENTIFY
ANY
HAZARDS



ASSESS
THE LIKELIHOOD
OF IT
CAUSING HARM



MANAGE
IMPLEMENT
CONTROL
MEASURES



4 ACCIDENT PREVENTION TIPS FOR HGV DRIVERS

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STAY IN CONTROL

One of the biggest causes of HGV related accidents is the driver losing control of the vehicle. With a vehicle as big and heavy as an articulated lorry, this can cause a lot of problems.

Drivers can lose control for all sorts of reasons, from bad weather conditions like ice, fog and driving rain, to simple distractions (which we talk about below), to things out of their control like other drivers.

If you want to avoid this, the best thing you can do is make sure your HGV is well-serviced at all times and that every function is working properly. Because if you do lose control at the wheel, those little things like wipers, lights and efficient brakes could literally save lives.





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KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Being aware of what is around you is a key tenant of road safety and site safety. But with a bigger vehicle, that can be a little more challenging - especially when your blind spots are 5 times bigger than most motorists.

But a failure to look around you is one of the biggest causes of road traffic accidents especially when motorcycles are involved. That means that you need to be more active when it to comes to road awareness.

Check your blind spots all the time, keep your mirrors clean and make a point of being aware of the motorists and road around you. This is also the case on site when completing manoeuvres - get out and look before committing.





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DRIVE SAFELY

The UK has some of Europe's busiest roads. Safety includes things like not paying attention to the people around you, having something on your mind or personal issues that distract you.

It is better to advise us that you have an issue and not drive. Trying to remain calm and not respond to aggression on the road is also a good tip - remain professional and in control.





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BE RESPONSIBLE

Have you ever been tempted to check your mobile phone during that endless stream of slow-moving traffic? Or fiddle with the radio while you're on the motorway on a long drive? It's something we all experience and yet every year lives are lost in these few moments of carelessness.

Accidents are also more common at night specifically after 11pm, when drivers are tired and not as alert. So if your eyelids are starting to droop - take a break, rest and recharge before you get back on the road. It might cost you 30 minutes on your schedule, but that 30 minutes extra travel is not worth losing your - or someone else's life.



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