

# Coupling & Uncoupling

**It is vital that all C+E drivers understand the critical importance of parking, coupling and uncoupling your vehicles.**

**Not following the correct procedure can lead to potentially serious and fatal accidents and costly repairs.**

**If you couple or uncouple a semi-trailer without applying the parking brake on the tractor unit or leave a semi-trailer parked without its park brake applied, you are in breach of health and safety law and your actions may make you responsible for causing serious injury or death to yourself or others**

**Please use the BLACK acronym to remember the safe order**

**B**rake - apply parking brake

**L**egs - Lower the legs

**A**irlines - disconnect the airlines

**C**lip - remove clip

**K**ingpin - release the kingpin

**When uncoupling please complete the process in the order above. When coupling please complete in reverse**

