



Driving Standards Policy

J Swingler Transport believe that nothing is so important that it cannot be done safely, with road safety consideration for other road users, consistent with our priorities for day-to-day health and safety.

J Swingler Transport are specialist operators including low loaders and the movement of heavy plant. Our Competent Goods Vehicle drivers, equipped with the appropriate resources including the UK Highway Code, have ultimate responsibility of the vehicle when on the road.

Road risk is supported through risk assessments completed through authorised teams including drivers, supervisor and competent knowledge from our **Compliance Consultant**

All drivers receive appropriate information, instruction and training of our Business Management System and appropriate road risk priorities as detailed within our driver packs. These identify driver and company responsibilities including the mitigation controls required to reduce road risk embracing best practice driving standards.

All drivers must comply with the communicated risk assessment and safe systems of work. If a driver believes that they have been asked to do something unsafe, they have the right to refuse to work on the grounds of safety, such instances should be recorded as an Incident on our Transport Management system **Asset Go** App and report to their Line Manager/Operations Manager to engage further support to make the task safe to complete.

Our Best Practice Driving behaviours include:

- Driver responsibilities and professionalism
- Complete pre-use daily inspection checks and record on Asset Go which provides GPS, date/time
- Wearing seat belts when driving vehicle/operating machinery fitted with seat belts/restraints.
- Adherence to speed limits, traffic signs and road markings
- Avoiding distractions such as eating and drinking whilst driving
- No smoking in company vehicles or on customers premises, unless in permitted area.
- Sharing the roads safely, particularly with vulnerable road users
- Fuel efficient driving techniques, air quality and emissions
- Hands free Mobile phone use only in emergency and when safe to do so in accordance with our In Vehicle Communication Policy.
- Driver impairment through drink and drugs puts everyone at risk and is unacceptable by any employee, we request alcohol consumption is reserved for rest days.

If a break down occurs, drivers should ensure that all road users are kept safe and made aware of the hazard of the broken-down vehicle, update the breakdown via our Transport Management system **Asset Go** App and contact Operations Manager/Proprietor to arrange for recovery as detailed in our Breakdown and Recovery Procedure.

Signed: _____
Anthony Thompson
Proprietor

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