



#DriveDangerOut



**Waste Industry
Workplace Transport
Inspection Campaign
2023-2024**

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2023 Campaign

From July to September 2023, HSENI Inspectors from the Explosives, Extractive Industries and Waste Group (EEIWG), conducted focused inspections to assess the management of workplace transport risks at private waste premises across Northern Ireland. This inspection initiative followed on from the 2022 inspection initiative whereby 25 private waste premises were inspected and formed part of HSENI's 'Drive Danger Out' campaign.

20 private waste premises were inspected during the 2023 initiative. In total, 45 private waste premises have been inspected as part of the workplace transport inspection initiative. Each inspection targeted three key areas required to manage workplace transport safely.

SAFE SITE

SAFE VEHICLE

SAFE DRIVER



Dutyholders were notified of the inspection initiative in July 2023 via email and press release. The waste industry was provided with an electronic copy of the inspection pro-forma used by Inspectors. This was also made available on the HSENI website.

This document intends to provide an overview of the results of the 2023 inspection initiative, highlighting areas where dutyholders have demonstrated good control of workplace transport related risk, and those areas where increased focus is required.

SAFE SITE

Positive observations

- adequate, strategically placed signage which was clear and informed both pedestrians and drivers about potential hazards on site and what they need to do
- designated parking areas, with parking for work-related vehicles separate from that for private cars
- separate pedestrian doors available at sheds / buildings to prevent persons travelling through vehicle access / egress routes
- physical protection i.e. barriers in place for employees required to hand-sort waste
- adequate lighting for operating during hours of darkness
- provision of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees

Opportunity for improvement

- development of a suitable Traffic Management Plan for the site to effectively manage traffic movements and the operation of vehicles
- completion of an adequate workplace transport risk assessment which is specific to the site and has been communicated to employees
- the use of one-way systems to limit reversing and prevent conflicting movements caused by 'two-way' traffic flow, including the introduction of reverse parking policies
- demarcation of dedicated, and, where practicable, physically protected pedestrian walkways
- provision of suitable barriers or guardrails at the entrance / exit to sheds and at pedestrian walkways that lead directly onto vehicle routes
- the use of convex mirrors at sharp / blind bends to improve visibility

SAFE VEHICLE

Positive observations

- vehicle servicing and maintenance schedules in place
- vehicles fitted with accessories i.e., mirrors / cameras to provide all-round visibility for the operator
- Statutory Examinations (LOLER examinations) completed for vehicles and accessories used for lifting
- keys removed from vehicles when not in use to prevent unauthorised use
- vehicles fitted with horns, lights, reflectors, and beacons
- vehicle cabs maintained in a clean condition with lap belts available and used

Opportunity for improvement

- supervision of vehicle daily pre-use check procedures to ensure they are being completed, defects are reported and addressed promptly to ensure ongoing vehicle safety
- policies in place to ensure keys are removed from vehicles when not in use to prevent unauthorised use
- lap belts worn by the operator during vehicle operation



SAFE DRIVER

Positive observations

- vehicle operators received adequate training for the vehicle / plant they are authorised to use
- adequate arrangements in place for driver refresher training to ensure ongoing competence
- measures in place to prevent persons falling from height from vehicles during loading / unloading activities

HSENI enforcement action

1. Seven Prohibition Notices and four Improvement Notices were served by Inspectors during the 2023 Inspection Initiative
2. Two Prohibition Notices were served in relation to unsafe vehicles operating
3. Five Prohibition Notices were served in relation to access to dangerous parts of machinery
4. Three Improvement Notices were served in relation to absence of the completion of statutory examination (LOLER inspections) for vehicles used for lifting
5. One Improvement Notice was served in relation to absence of effective measures to ensure pedestrians and vehicles can circulate in a safe manner

Further resources

Information on the HSENI 'Drive Danger Out' Campaign can be found on the HSENI website at:

- [HSENI - Drive Danger Out Campaign 2023-2024](#)

Resources to assist the waste industry in implementing suitable workplace transport controls can be found on the HSENI website at the following link:

- [HSENI - Waste industry resource list](#)

The inspection template used by Inspectors during the 2023 Inspection Initiative can be found on the HSENI website at the following link:

- [HSENI - Private waste premises inspection proforma](#)



Vehicles at work continue to be a major cause of fatal and major injuries in Northern Ireland. Throughout the last ten years, 34 people have lost their life through workplace transport incidents and 162 people were seriously injured. Every workplace must be safe for the people and vehicles using it.

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