



**#DriveDangerOut**

**Concrete Premises  
Workplace Transport  
Inspection Campaign  
2023-2024**

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# 2023 Campaign

From April to June 2023, HSENI Inspectors from the Explosives, Extractive Industries and Waste Group (EEIWG), conducted focused inspections to assess the management of workplace transport risks at concrete premises across Northern Ireland. This inspection initiative formed part of HSENI's 'Drive Danger Out' campaign.

20 concrete premises were inspected during the 2023 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 campaign in April 2023 via email and press-release. The Concrete 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 Campaign, 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
- safe and suitable parking areas, with parking for work-related vehicles separate from that for private cars
- provision of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees
- roadways well designed with surfaces maintained
- adequate lighting for operating during hours of darkness

## 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
- 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 one-way systems to limit reversing and prevent conflicting movements caused by 'two-way' traffic flow, including the introduction of reverse parking policies
- the use of convex mirrors at sharp / blind bends to improve visibility
- adequate procedures for ensuring the safety of small-load customers on site



# SAFE VEHICLE

## Positive observations

- vehicle servicing and maintenance schedules in place
- vehicles fitted with horns, lights, reflectors, and beacons

## Opportunity for improvement

- the implementation and supervision of a suitable procedure for the completion of vehicle daily pre-use checks - ensuring pre-use checks are being completed, defects are reported and addressed promptly to ensure ongoing vehicle safety
- statutory examinations (LOLER examinations) completed for vehicles and accessories used for lifting
- vehicles fitted with accessories i.e., mirrors / cameras to provide all-round visibility for the operator
- keys removed from vehicles when not in use to prevent unauthorised use
- vehicle cabs maintained in a clean condition with lap belts available and used

# 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

Prohibition Notices:

1. Five Prohibition Notices were served by Inspectors during the 2023 inspection initiative
2. One Prohibition Notice was served in relation to an unsafe vehicle in operation
3. Four Prohibition Notices were served in relation to access to dangerous parts of machinery

Improvement Notices:

1. Eighteen improvement Notices were served by Inspectors during the 2023 inspection initiative
2. Twelve Improvement Notices were served in relation to an absence of statutory examinations (LOLER inspections) for vehicles used for lifting
3. Two Improvement Notices were served in relation to an absence of effective measures to ensure pedestrians and vehicles can circulate in a safe manner
4. Three Improvement Notices were served in relation to a failure to provide measures to ensure vehicle all-round visibility
5. One Improvement Notice was served in relation to vehicle operator training

## 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 concrete industry in implementing suitable workplace transport controls can be found on the HSENI website at the following link:

- [HSENI - Concrete 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 - Concrete 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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