

Site Transport

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready?

Reason: Site transport carries people and materials. The carriage of both should be carried out in safety.

Why: Many accidents have occurred in the past because site transport was operated in an unsafe manner.

Outline: This talk will cover the dangers associated with site transport and how they can be overcome.



General Precautions

- Never be tempted to drive site transport unless you have been properly trained. You must hold a CTA card, if necessary an appropriate class of driving licence and have been authorised.
- Drivers of site transport should carry out daily pre-use checks of their vehicles and report any defects found.
- Many people are injured or killed by site transport that is reversing without the assistance of a signaller.
- The very nature of some site transport means that the driver has only limited visibility from the driving position.
- Drivers should obey site speed limits and one way systems.
- When parking, ensure the parking brake is on and the wheels are chocked if necessary. Many accidents have been caused by items of runaway site transport.
- If site transport is left where children might congregate after working hours, ensure it is immobilised and in a safe state.
- Use stop blocks where provided to prevent over running.
- Site transport should only be refuelled at designated refuelling points by operatives who have been trained.

Q: What precautions should be taken to prevent environmental pollution at refuelling points?

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Site Transport For Carrying Materials

- Site transport used for carrying materials must not be overloaded; drivers must know the maximum safe load.
- Loads that could fall off must be adequately secured.
- Ideally, sites will be organised so that the need to reverse is kept to a minimum; if so, do not reverse unnecessarily.
- If you are involved in, or working near, tipping operations keep well clear whilst materials are actually being tipped.
- Stay well clear of the unpropped bodies of tipper lorries.
- Site transport intended for carrying materials must not carry passengers unless it is designed to do so.

Site Transport For Carrying People

- Drivers of people carrying site transport have a particularly important responsibility; theirs is a valuable cargo.
- In many cases, it will be advisable to exclude people carrying site transport, such as crew buses, from all but access roads.
- People carrying site transport is more likely to travel on public highways and so must comply with relevant legislation.
- Passengers on people carrying site transport must always act in a responsible manner and not endanger the vehicle.
- Note to supervisor: Now inform your workforce of company policy for ensuring the competency of site transport drivers.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

- Q: How is limited visibility on some vehicles overcome?**
- Q: What would you do if asked to drive an item of site transport on which you had not been trained?**

Sources

- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/pdf/fatalinjuries.pdf>
- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/construction.pdf>

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