Company Driving

About a quarter of all vehicle miles travelled annually on Britain's roads are for business purposes (excluding commuting). Business drivers have collision rates that are 30-40% higher than private drivers.

The benefits from managing work-related road accidents can be considerable. Applying safe driving methods can assist in reducing accidents both in and outside of work.

Effective safe driving and road safety procedure can result in the following benefits:

- Fewer days lost due to injury
- Reduce the risk of work-related ill-health, stress and improve morale
- Less need for investigation, resultant documentation and re-scheduling of work
- Reduced insurance premiums
- Fewer vehicles off the road for repair, reducing running costs
- Accurate management information on road related risk

The Do's and Don'ts of Company Driving

Do:

- Check your vehicle before you drive
- Keep your distance
- More haste less speed
- Look ahead and anticipate

Don't:

- Should you even drive? – Are you tired?
- Don't drink and drive

Four Handy Hints:

- Don't underestimate the effect of alcohol – it takes at least 1 hour for every half pint of beer/ half glass of wine to leave your system.
- 1 in 10 drivers eye sight is believed to be below the minimum standard. You must be able to read a number plate at 20.5m away.
- Two major causes of accidents are over-taking and driving too close, particularly in poor weather. If you are not at least 2 seconds behind the car in front, DROP BACK!
- Never drive when you are tired. Discuss an overnight stay with your manager if you're driving long distances after a full working day.

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