



# KEEPING IT SAFE & LEGAL

## Did you know?

**With more than 5 million vans registered in the UK, it is a common misconception that there is no legislation governing van drivers and van operations. Due to their size and weight, vans can be driven and used for anything – right?**



Wrong, in fact very wrong. With an increase of roadside stops for vans and the average fine per offence in the region of £972, it doesn't take long for van drivers and owners to figure out that vans which don't comply with the rules, regulations, standards and procedures can be a costly experience in fines, let alone additional costs for recovery and repair.

Road safety is a shared responsibility and we have produced a series of driver information cards with advice and best practice across a range of topics to assist van drivers, and fleet operators, to do their part to help ensure the safe and legal use of company vehicles and to support the wellbeing of drivers, while promoting best practices to reduce costs, improve operating conditions, and ensuring that vehicles remain safe, legal, and well-maintained, prioritising the wellbeing of drivers at all times.

These are just some of the legislation and governing bodies keeping van drivers and fleet operators safe and legal on our roads. Do you know what your responsibilities are?

### Relevant regulations:

- The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- Road Traffic Act 1988
- The Highway Code
- Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
- The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986
- Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989
- The Traffic Management Act 2004

### Regulating authorities and governing bodies

- The Department for Transport (DfT)
- The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)
- The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA)
- Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
- National Highways
- The Home Office
- Local Authorities
- Police Forces

