Vehicles & Driving

Driving is one of our highest exposure risks, from commuting to travel between sites. Summer heat, glare and holiday traffic can increase the risk.

Plan every journey with the same care and focus as any high-risk task.

Primary Risks & Hazards to Spot



- **Fatigue from heat or long shifts**
- **Dehydration reducing alertness**



- **Speeding or following too closely**
- **Phone, radio or navigation distractions**
- **Poor vehicle condition**



- **Sun glare, dust or roadworks**
- **Holiday traffic and wildlife**

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Where might this happen in our work environment?



Company vehicles: check condition before travel. Park in shade where possible. Avoid leaving equipment or chemicals in hot cabins.



Commuting and site travel: heat, fatigue and distraction can affect daily journeys, especially after long shifts.



Summer and holiday routes: heavier traffic, glare, dust, roadworks and wildlife can make driving more demanding.

Where else?

Which driving risks affect your daily commute or site travel?

What can we check to protect?

1. Is the vehicle ready?
Check tyres, fluids, lights, mirrors, registration and first aid kit. Look for worn tyres or vehicle defects.

2. Is your journey planned?
Rest every 2 hours and rotate drivers where possible. Stay hydrated. Take breaks in shade or cool areas.

3. Can you drive safely?
Obey speed limits. Adjust for weather, glare and traffic. Pull over for phone use. Never drive impaired by alcohol, medication or fatigue.

How do you spot fatigue, and what will you do before your next journey?

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Your safety comes first

The SI&CS Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team is here to help.

You don’t have to work through a safety concern alone.

Ask for support when:

You’re unsure

We can help you understand a hazard and discuss a safer way to work.

Something happens

We can help with hazard, incident and near-miss reporting and next steps.

You need support

We can work with you and your supervisor or manager to address health, safety and wellbeing concerns.

Do you know who is your HSW Business Partner?

Stop if the work is unsafe

Pause the task and move to a safe place. Speak up if something feels unsafe or you are unsure.

Notify your supervisor or manager

Report hazards, incidents and near misses promptly, even if no one is hurt. Explain what happened, where it is and who may be at risk.

Do not continue unsafe work

Keep the task stopped until the risk is addressed and your supervisor or manager confirms a safe way forward. Ask for help if you are unsure.