

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the main causes of work-related death

*You could
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if you neglect
your employer
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**If you fail to manage occupational road risk, the cost to
your business could be phenomenal!**

Employers have a legal responsibility under Health and Safety law to manage the risks employees face when driving. If you don't comply with legislation and one of your employees is involved in a fatal collision, not only could you receive a hefty fine but you could also be charged with corporate manslaughter and face a prison sentence!

Did you know?

One in five casualties and almost a third of fatalities on north east roads are from collisions involving someone driving for work.

Over the last five years 6,402 collisions, resulting in 9,084 casualties, involving people driving for work occurred on north east roads. 748 people were seriously injured and 74 killed.

Employers who require staff to use a mobile phone while driving for work could be prosecuted if an investigation determines that use of the phone contributed to a crash.

Take responsibility

Have a written policy to cover work-related road safety – this is a requirement if you have more than five employees.

Set standards and raise awareness of road risks in the business.

Ensure that all vehicles used for work purposes, even if owned by an employee, conform to road traffic law, are safe and properly maintained, and are fit for purpose.

Set up a system for post-collision reviews, driving licence checks, insurance checks, driver eyesight tests and driver risk assessments.

Ensure that driver schedules are realistic.

Benefits to your business

- Reduction in collision related absence.
- Reduced operating costs (insurances).
- Better management of carbon footprint.
- Fuel and efficiency savings.
- Increased availability of vehicles and drivers.
- Improved reputation.

Contact your local council to enquire about the FREE Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving Course (SAFED)

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