

TRUCK DRIVERS' MUST WEAR THEIR SEAT BELTS

Commercial vehicle drivers are not exempt from wearing seat belts. If a seat belt is fitted in any road going vehicle IT MUST BE WORN. Failure to wear a seat belt can result in the issuing of a £60.00 fixed penalty at the roadside, which must be paid, by the driver, within 28 days.

Before 1st March 2005 'delivery drivers' could contest that they were exempt from wearing a seat belt when they were carrying out 'local' deliveries, as up until that time there was not any maximum distance specified for 'local' deliveries within the regulations.

However, the seat belt exemption for delivery drivers now only applies when the driver can prove that he or she is travelling no more than 50m between deliveries or collections. This exemption is in place for those making frequent and regular stops - such as delivering milk or post door to door. It cannot be used by any other type of truck or van driver to allow them to drive without wearing their seat belt. ***Truck drivers are not exempt from wearing seat belts.***

235,000 fixed-penalty notices were issued in one year to vehicle occupants not wearing a seat-belt and it's important that all commercial vehicle drivers' are aware that since May 2009 VOSA inspectors have had the authority to issue fixed penalties against drivers' who they see not wearing seat belts and this could result in not only a fine, but also further action being taken by the Traffic Commissioner against both the driver and the operator of the vehicle.

Local Safety Camera Partnerships are now taking enforcement action against drivers' who fail to wear seat belts while driving. Camera Van Operatives are triggering the LTI/2020 DVD camera system when they see offences being committed at camera sites across the country, and a Notice of Intended Prosecution is then sent to the registered keeper of the vehicle..... **YOU'VE BEEN WARNED**

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