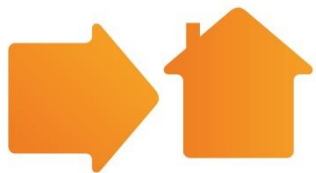# Management of Occupational Road Risk
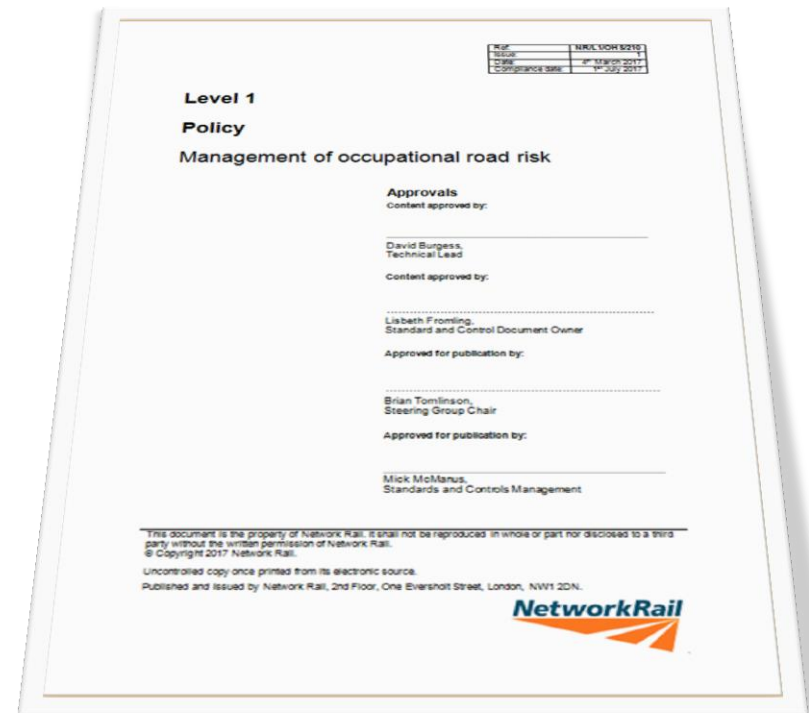
New Policy Briefing

home safe plan

This Network Rail standard/control document is mandatory and shall be complied with by Network Rail Limited and its contractors if applicable from 1st July 2017.

Why do we need a company standard?

- ➢ There is a lack of guidance or policy which documents Network Rail's approach to road risk

- ➢ Driving has been highlighted as a significant business risk following a number of road traffic accidents resulting in serious injury and the loss of life

- ➢ To provide guidance for Network Rail to manage its road risk across the business

- ➢ To outline a defined approach to managing road risk for Network Rail which will set a benchmark standard for contract staff, contracting companies and the supply chain

What is the purpose of the standard?

➢ To achieve a high standard of safety and risk management for Network Rail's road vehicle fleet

➢ To provides information to employees, contractors and suppliers on what actions are needed to reduce or remove road risk on business journeys

➢ To help avoid unnecessary journeys made by road; and

➢ To support Network Rail's goal of making sure that everyone gets home safely every day.

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To support our driving Lifesaving Rules

Never work or drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Never use a hand-held or hands-free phone, or programme any other mobile device, while driving.

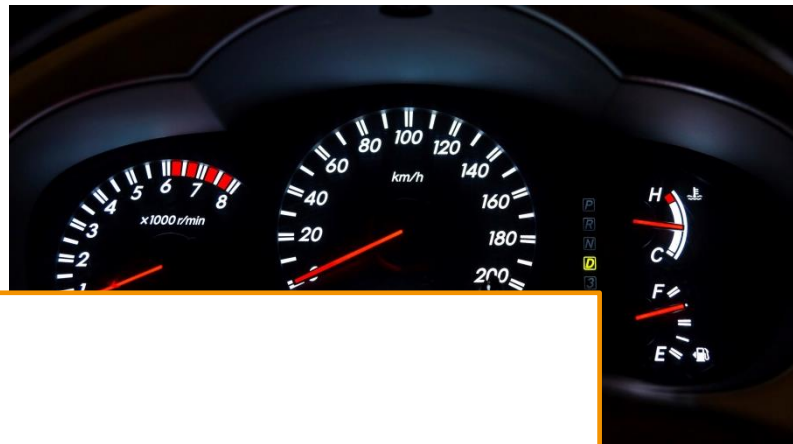Always obey the speed limit and wear a seat belt.

What does the standard apply to?

The policy is applicable to all business journeys made in:

➢ Network Rail vehicles

➢ short term hire vehicles

➢ privately owned vehicles

What are the key points?

Safe Driver control measures

Network Rail shall:

➢ conduct driving licence checks for any authorised drivers, at least annually.
➢ introduce a Vehicle Tracking System (VTS) in fleet vehicles to provide live in cab driving data to assist drivers
➢ provide guidance to those driving on behalf of Network Rail through the maintenance of the *Drivers Handbook* including driving behaviours and an awareness of the Network Rail Lifesaving Rules
➢ provide alternative means of transport or accommodation to avoid driver fatigue
➢ provide support to anyone who raises safety concerns regarding driving
➢ use anonymised VTS data to identify trends in driving performance and identify, trial and implement additional control measures were required

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Safe Vehicle control measures

Road fleet management shall include:

➢ the provision and maintenance of vehicles in accordance with legislation and the manufactures guidelines as a minimum
➢ the provision and fitment of high visibility seatbelt sleeves in all Network Rail vehicles
➢ the fitment and use of VTS including the trend analysis of maintenance and vehicle data
➢ removing the provision of motorcycles for business use and not allowing motorbikes to be used for business journeys
➢ disposing of and replacing vehicles in accordance with the *Network Rail Road Fleet Category Strategy*, taking into account vehicle mileage, condition and vehicle age

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Safe Journey control measures

In order to improve understanding of road risk and identify controls to reduce risks associated with business journeys Network Rail shall:

➢ promote the use of technology, train travel and other alternatives to eliminate or mitigate the need for road journeys

➢ provision and use of alternative transport or hotel accommodation when required following night or extended periods of working

➢ provide access point and point of interest data for use in VTS

➢ implement and promote reverse parking at all Network Rail premises, car parks and wherever the driver deems it safe and possible to do so

Further Support

Safety Central
MORR
https://safety.networkrail.co.uk/safety/management-of-occupational-road-risk-morr/

Yammer
Vehicle Telematics System (VTS)
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