

## Safety Newsletter

**Driver Training Feedback**

Over the last 6 months, we have rolled out our Driver Training package to the traction providers who pull for P&O Fleet. We recently also held a Training session for one of our key haulier's traction providers and have trained some of the Tata Load Checkers at Rotherham.

The feedback from all our sessions has been extremely positive and the sessions themselves have provoked debate and good discussion.

**Statements such as:**

'Content and tone of delivery was excellent'

'Very useful and will instruct my drivers to use the handouts when on site'

'Brilliant! – Drivers are learning something new and taking it upon themselves to work safely'

'Drivers applying training to EVERY job they do'

**Feedback from a Tata Manager after a session training load checkers:**

'I thought it was a useful exercise, it gives the despatch checkers an insight into hopefully what the driver has been told prior to arriving at Tata sites..... can only help the despatch checkers understand their role'

Anyone interested in hosting/attending a Driver training session, please email [tatasafety@pofm.com](mailto:tatasafety@pofm.com)

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Focus**

**Drivers arriving without the correct PPE remains one of our biggest frustrations!!**

**Impact on Operations and Financial implications**

When a Driver arrives at a Tata site without the correct PPE it is not only a Safety issue, it causes Operational problems also:

- Inconvenience to the Driver
- Additional time and cost from going to a PPE shop
- Missing collection slots
- Potential to miss Delivery slots if Driver arrives out of normal working hours without PPE – can then not load until PPE shop re-opens the next day so putting an extra day on the lead time
- Wasting Tata's Loading team time in not being able to load when expected

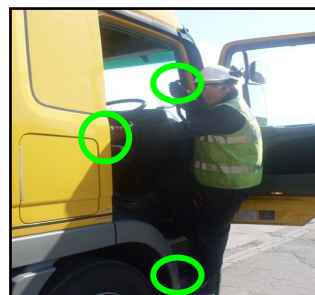
To avoid the above costs **ensure your Drivers have all the correct PPE before arrival** – it saves EVERYONE time and money and helps keep the Driver Safe!!

Please use the tick sheet accompanying this newsletter with your operators, to ensure they are correctly equipped before arrival.

**Exiting Cab units**

Following on from the Alert bulletin regarding recent fall injuries, it is worth re-iterating the basic rules for Drivers when exiting their Cab units:

- 3 points of contact must be maintained at all times
- Come down facing backwards, never forwards



- Ensure Cab steps are free from slippery substances and are in good condition with appropriate grip
- Ensure Safety Boots are worn with grip and are free from oil/slippery substances (especially whilst climbing up onto 5<sup>th</sup> wheel area)
- Ensure ground level around where you step off is even and free from trip hazards

**Engine running**

Instances of Drivers leaving Engines running when exiting their cabs is creeping back up.

Please re-enforce the message of:

**Stay in Control**

- **Handbrake on**
- **Engine off**
- **Keys out**

**Proactive defect reporting**

Many of the accidents we have had this year have happened when the Driver has encountered a problem with preparing the trailer. Some of these accidents could have been avoided if the previous Driver had reported the fault.

Please remind all Drivers that if they do encounter a problem, even if they have managed to resolve it themselves, to still report it so it can be looked at, maintained and repaired as necessary.

**Proactive reporting and maintenance prevents accidents!!**