



SUBJECT: Vehicle vs Pedestrian – Who will win!!!

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£1.8m Transport Safety T.K.O!

A supermarket giant has been fined **£1.6m** after a delivery driver reversed into a loading bay at one of their stores and seriously injured a member of the public. The Council's investigation found that drivers often reversed unassisted at the supermarket's store and staff had failed to notice even though it went against its internal procedures.



The Crown Court heard that the driver was reversing unassisted when the vehicle ran into the pedestrian. The manoeuvre trapped the self-employed tradesman between the loading bay and the vehicle. The tradesman sustained serious and life-changing injuries due to the impact.

The council's health and safety team found that the company had failed to manage the risks of vehicles and pedestrians both using the car park, which is always open to the public.

The company pleaded guilty to breaching two offences. The judge fined the supermarket **£800,000** for each offence and ordered it to pay **£50,000** in costs.

Since the investigation, the supermarket has made improvements to the car park layout, which includes installing barriers to prevent access to the area by private vehicles and pedestrians when delivery vehicles are manoeuvring.

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