



SUBJECT: DRIVING TOWARD BETTER SAFETY

RECIPIENTS: All Council Services (including schools)

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Managing Occupational Road Risk

Driving for work is likely the most dangerous activity most employees ever undertake. Every year there are hundreds of thousands of injuries on the roads, and literally millions of collisions. Around a third of these are thought to involve drivers who were at work!!

Employers have a duty to manage the risks employees face, and failing to do this can cost more than just money.....

In a recent legal case, a Bus company was fined £2.3m when one of their drivers crashed into a supermarket, killing two people. A child travelling on the top deck of the bus died of a head injury, and a 76 year old pedestrian died after being struck by the bus.

The Bus company admitted health and safety failings, which included ignoring the warnings about the bus drivers' health and state of mind. The company had allowed the driver to work excessive hours and had ignored the warnings that the driver was 'erratic', after already being involved in four crashes in the last three years.

The Judge of the case stated: - 'the failings of the company were a significant cause' of the crash, adding warnings around the driver's ability were 'not enforced, and almost immediately ignored'.

Lincolnshire County Council is in the final stages of updating its Occupational Road Risk policy, and its new Driver Assessment Toolkit is nearing completion. You can already use the Document self-checker, and a Driver Safety e-learning course is available on Lincs2Learn, with an On-line Driver assessment being available early next year, through Praxis.

For Information on the Document Self-checker- click [here](#)

For access to the L2L Driver safety e-learning- click [here](#)

The Driver self-checker, Driver safety e-learning and Driver assessment (once available) will all be a 'must do' for anyone who drives a vehicle for LCC work purposes.



If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

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