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**IS YOUR COMPANY VEHICLE FIT FOR THE ROAD?
Driving for Better Business launches monthly Fleet Focus guides**

Driving for Better Business, the National Highways business engagement programme, is launching a fresh new range of free monthly resources for fleet managers to share with their drivers.

The series starts with Vehicle Roadworthiness, to help managers, supervisors and everyone else involved to understand their responsibilities.

“There are many vehicles on our roads that are simply not roadworthy,” says Mark Cartwright, Head of Commercial Vehicle Incident Prevention at National Highways. “Up to a third of all vans will fail an MOT on first inspection – the main failures being on lights, tyres, suspensions or brakes. These are critical to safety, and if they are not given a cursory check before an MOT, are they being checked at all?”

“As managers of those who drive for work, we should take steps to ensure our drivers are safe when driving. That includes checking the vehicle is in a safe and roadworthy condition of course.”

The guide covers creating a good practice vehicle roadworthiness policy; ensuring drivers are carrying out competent pre-use checks; making sure any issues are reported and recorded; and the legal responsibilities of both the driver and the operator.

To make the monthly guides easy to share with drivers, each topic includes posters that can be printed for noticeboards, and short reminders to be fed to in-cab messaging systems.

Among the topics covered by the monthly Fleet Focus guides:

- Weather conditions, including winter preparation
- Drug and drink driving
- Driver fatigue
- Driver distraction
- Safe loading
- Mental health and driver wellbeing

Each month's topic sits in a library, allowing anyone to access a bank of resources at any time to help improve driver safety.

"Everything we offer is free of charge and can be downloaded and used as many times as relevant," says Mark Cartwright. "These will help deliver significant benefits, both for the companies and their employees."

Monthly Fleet Focus is available here: <https://www.drivingforbetterbusiness.com/fleet-safety-focus-monthly-updates/>

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About Driving for Better Business

Driving for work is one of the highest-risk activities that many employees undertake, whether they drive a commercial vehicle, a company car or make work journeys in their own vehicle.

Driving for Better Business is a free to access National Highways business engagement programme, delivered in partnership with RoadSafe, to help employers reduce work-related road risk, protecting staff who drive or ride for work, and others who they may share the road with.

Our mission is to improve safety and reduce risk for all those who drive or ride for work by promoting good management practice and demonstrating significant business benefits.

Our vision is a world where those who use the roads for work do so safely, efficiently, and sustainably.