

THE SECURITY OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD TRAINING FILM

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NOTES FOR TRAINERS

AUDIENCE

1. This training film is produced for:
 - drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods;
 - managers and employers of those drivers; and
 - depot staff having responsibilities for communications with those drivers whilst on the road.
2. It should be shown to drivers during courses, including refresher training courses, that enables them to obtain a vocational training certificate to transport dangerous goods. Such a certificate is required to be held by drivers of certain vehicles carrying dangerous goods; further information is available from the DfT website:
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/topics/freight/dangerous-goods/security/>

BACKGROUND

3. Regulations are in place for the security of dangerous goods by road. These regulations require organisations to put measures in place that would reduce the risk of interference with dangerous goods by criminals and terrorists.
4. They include a requirement for people to receive security awareness training, for which a separate guidance note is available from the DfT website.

OBJECTIVE

5. The objective of the film is to highlight the risks to dangerous goods in transport and inform drivers of the measures that should be put in place to comply with the security regulations.

THE MESSAGE

6. The main messages to get across are:

- regulations are in place to reduce the risk of interference with dangerous goods by criminals or terrorists;
- drivers have an important role to play to ensure compliance with those regulations;
- measures should be applied on the road;
- drivers' employers have a role in complying with the regulations;
- the film is supported by the Department for Transport's *Driver Advice Sheet*;
- drivers are vigilant when they are delivering their load; is it the right place and are they talking to the right people?

ADDITIONAL TEACHING POINTS

7. The film shows examples of measures that, if applied, will help industry to comply with the regulations. Further information relating to these and other measures are included in the *Guidance for the Security of Dangerous Goods by Road document* which is on the DfT website.
8. Although not shown in the film, drivers should be made aware that VOSA and police officers stop vehicles on foot and do so from a point ahead of the vehicle they are stopping.
9. Additional features which may help drivers determine whether a stop is genuine are:

9.1 Police stops - identification of officers

- Officers engaged in roads policing patrol duties will always be in uniform.
- Uniformed police officers would not, as a matter of course, show identification.
- If requested, a warrant card will be shown by such officers.
- The warrant card incorporates a photograph and has the officer's rank and name and the police service that they are attached to.
- Warrant cards may vary between forces.

(The Department for Transport advises that requests for identity should only be made if they are suspicious that they are not genuine police officers.)

9.2 VOSA stops - identification of officers

- All officers wear yellow high visibility jacket with VOSA embossed reflective band.
- All officers also display an accreditation badge on their jacket.
- If a cap is worn, the VOSA officer's cap would have a white top with blue/green checked band and cap badge.

9.3 VOSA stops - vehicles

- Black /yellow Battenburg markings on the sides, orange/yellow chevrons on the rear.
- Matrix bar on roof of vehicle which displays options such as 'stop' or 'follow me' etc
- 'VOSA' sign writing on the bonnet & rear quarter panels.
- 'Department for Transport' sign writing in the rear quarter window.

FURTHER INFORMATION

10. Details of the security regime relating to the transport of dangerous goods can be found on the Businesslink (GOV.UK from 17 October 2012) website.

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