

Annex 6 – Vehicle Maintenance, Safety and Security

Your vehicle must be **safe, roadworthy, and well-maintained**. All **lights, brakes, steering, mirrors, windscreen wipers, and seat belts** must work correctly. **Windows and number plates must be clean, and headlights adjusted** to avoid dazzling others. (*Laws RVLR 1989 regs 23 & 27*)

Tyres must be in good condition: at least **1.6mm tread** for cars and light vehicles, **1mm for motorcycles**, and visible tread for mopeds. Tyres **over 10 years old** are banned on certain heavy or passenger vehicles. (*Law CUR reg 27*)

Check **tyre pressure weekly** when cold, and keep **fluid levels** (oil, coolant, brake fluid) topped up. A mechanic must check faults like pulling to one side, smoke, or unusual smells.

Overheating or fire: stop safely, let the engine cool, and never open a hot radiator. If **fire occurs**, **evacuate immediately** and **call emergency services**.

Fuel safety: never overfill, check for **leaks**, and **don't smoke** or use phones at petrol stations.

For **vehicle security**, always **lock your car, remove keys, close windows, and keep valuables out of sight**. Consider **alarms or immobilisers**, and never leave **children or pets unattended** in an unventilated vehicle.